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■ LP candidates pose in Georgia, one of the 49 states where voters will find Libertarian candidates on the ballot. Shown here flanking District 7 U.S. House candidate Carole Ann Rand (in red, center) in front of the Capitol Building in Atlanta on August 5 are Chris Crawford, Mark Mosley, and Tyre Joseph Smith (candidates for State House); Todd King and Kathryn Weitzel (State Senate); Garrett Michael Hayes (Governor); Sandy Thomas (U.S. Senate); and Wayne Parker (U.S. House, District 11).

Party candidates on ballots in 49 states

Libertarian candidates have qualified for the ballot in 49 states for the 2002 elections — setting a new “off-year” record for the party.

LP candidates are running in every state except for West Virginia, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. [There are also no Libertarian candidates on the ballot in the District of Columbia.]

Despite falling short of 50-state status, this marks a milestone for the party in a non-presidential year election, said Crickenberger.

“This is an important accomplishment because it means we are truly a party with national scope — even when we don’t have a presidential campaign to spur our ballot access efforts,” he said. “It means we have the size, know-how, and energy to run candidates in almost every state, even in off-year elections.

“And this is even more important for voters, since it means that a vast percentage of Americans will be able to cast a vote for liberty when they step into the voting booth on November 5.”

The previous high-water mark for



a non-presidential election was in 1998, when the party ran local, state, and federal candidates in 44 states.

In 2000, LP candidates — other than a presidential candidate — were on the ballot in 48 states.

Considerably more

This year, the Libertarian Party is also appearing on considerably more state ballots than any other third party.

The Constitution Party is running 122 candidates in 15 states; the Green Party is offering 496 candidates in 40 states; the faltering Reform Party has only mustered 21 candidates in seven states; and the Natural Law Party has qualified 37 candidates in 13 states. [All candidate information taken from the respective party’s websites.]

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Congressman Bob Barr is bounced from U.S. House

Defeat is victory for LP’s ‘Incumbent Killer’ strategy

The “worst Drug Warrior” in Congress has lost his seat — and the Libertarian Party appears to have played a small role in making it happen.

U.S. Rep. Bob Barr, an outspoken opponent of medical marijuana, was defeated by Rep. John Linder in a Republican primary election in Georgia on August 20. Linder won with about 67% of the vote.

In the two weeks leading up to the election, Barr was the target of a barrage of television ads produced by the Libertarian Party.

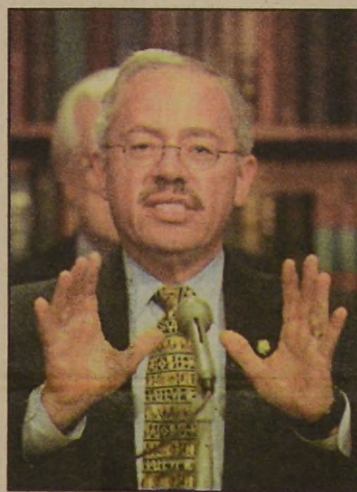
The ads were run by Carole Ann Rand, the LP candidate for U.S. House in Georgia’s 7th Congressional district.

Doctors and patients

“Barr’s defeat is a victory for every American who believes that doctors and patients — rather than politicians — should be making medical decisions,” said Rand.

“Like Babe Ruth pointing to a spot in the bleachers and hitting a home run, we pointed at our target and helped knock him out of Congress.”

The campaign to bump Bob Barr



■ Defeated Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA). “We pointed at our target and helped knock him out of Congress,” said LP candidate Carole Ann Rand.

was the first test of the Libertarian Party’s “Incumbent Killer Strategy,” which is targeting the worst drug warriors in Congress for defeat.

The Rand campaign purchased approximately \$40,000 worth of television advertising spots to attack the

four-term incumbent — including spots on broadcast networks Fox and NBC.

The 30-second ad also aired about 4,000 times on CNN, TNT, Comedy Central, MSNBC, and other cable networks in the district.

Lightning rod

While the amount of money the LP spent on the ads was small compared to overall spending in the hard-fought campaign, LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said the issue-based ad, which features a multiple sclerosis sufferer and medical marijuana patient, quickly became a “lightning rod for publicity.”

“Both Barr and Linder ran personality-based, feel-good ads — leaving us a huge opportunity to inject our issue into the public debate,” he said. “While Barr’s loss was attributable to many factors, I believe these ads put another nail into his political coffin.”

The ad opens with a shot of multiple sclerosis sufferer Cheryl Miller lying on a stretcher as an announcer asks: “Why does Bob Barr want this woman in jail?” Miller introduces her-

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LP life member files lawsuit against ‘secret’ identification rule in airports

By **Jonathan Trager**
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

In an effort to defend the right of Americans to travel anonymously, civil liberties activist John Gilmore has filed a lawsuit against a “secret” government rule requiring passengers to show identification before boarding an airplane.

A life member of the Libertarian Party, Gilmore said he filed the suit on July 18 in San Francisco federal court because of his “belief in constitutional rights.”

“A government that tracks its citizens’ movements and associations, or

restricts their travel using secret decrees, is violating the Constitution,” he said.

“I hope to redirect government anti-terrorism efforts away from intrusive yet useless measures such as ID checks, confiscation of tweezers, and database surveillance of every traveler’s life.”

Gilmore, 47, said he was inspired to file the lawsuit because of an inci-



■ John Gilmore: “Belief in rights.”

dent on July 4, when he was prevented from boarding a flight from Oakland International Airport to Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

He was flying to Washington, said Gilmore, to petition the federal government for a redress of grievances — specifically the ID requirement.

However, Gilmore was stopped by Southwest Airlines employees who demanded to see his identification. Gilmore declined to do so, and was given conflicting information by employees about whether the ID requirement was a government policy or an airline regulation.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Mass. income tax repeal plan creates buzz

An initiative to repeal the Massachusetts state income tax received a spate of media publicity during August — while supporters of the measure worked to generate even more of a buzz by running an ad in the state's largest newspaper.

After several months of a media "blackout" about Ballot Question 1, the floodgates opened with coverage in the *Lawrence Eagle-Tribune*, the *Daily Hampshire Gazette*, the *Boston Globe*, and *CNSNews.com*, said Carla Howell, whose Committee for Small Government is spearheading the initiative.

The measure — which would trim \$9 billion in state government revenue — also generated coverage on Boston ABC TV News, the syndicated Neal Boortz radio show, and WHYN Radio (Springfield).

"We've started the buzz," said Howell, who is the LP's candidate for governor. "We've kicked off the biggest tax revolt since the Boston Tea Party."

The Committee for Small Government (CSG) also launched its advertising campaign in support of the so-called Small Government Act with a full-page advertisement in the *Boston Globe* on August 27.

Entitled "Finally! The Uncensored Facts about Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts," the ad made the case that passing Ballot Question 1 would put \$3,000 back in the pocket of the average taxpayer every year, streamline government, and create hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

The *Globe* has a daily circulation of almost half a million and reaches about 1.2 million readers. The ad cost just over \$26,000.

"Our website lit up like an overheated pinball machine" after the ad came out, said Michael Cloud, a spokesman for the CSG.

For more information, visit: www.smallgovernmentact.org.

Kubby wins medical pot rights in Canada

Steve Kubby, the LP's 1998 California gubernatorial candidate, has won the right to use medical marijuana in Canada.

Kubby is the first American citizen to be granted a medical exemption from Canada's marijuana laws by the Health Canada board. The decision was announced on August 29.

Kubby, who lives in British Columbia, will be allowed to grow 59 cannabis plants for medical use, and store up to 2,655 grams of the drug.

"Americans would do well to come up to Canada and see how the Canadians are doing this," said Kubby, who suffers from a form of adrenal-gland cancer. He uses medical marijuana on a doctor's advice.

Canada has issued about 800 medical marijuana permits since that county reformed its medical marijuana laws in 1999, according to the Associated Press.

Kubby, 56, was a prime mover behind the medical marijuana initiative passed by California voters in 1996. In 1999, he was arrested for possession of medical marijuana, and was convicted in December 2000 on two minor drug possession charges. During the appeal process, he moved to Canada with his family.

He still faces a four-month jail sentence in Placer County, California if he returns to the United States.



■ Steve Kubby: "Come and see."

S.D. candidate arrested for forum question

The LP candidate for governor in South Dakota has been arrested for interrupting a candidate forum to protest the organizer's decision to bar Libertarians from participating.

At a forum at the Huron State Fair on August 3, Nathan Barton was forcibly removed from the fairgrounds by security after shouting, "Where is Terry Begay?" Begay is the LP candidate for U.S. House.

Barton, 47, was taken to Beadle County jail, where he was charged with disorderly conduct and obstructing a law enforcement officer. He was released on a \$400 bond.

Barton said he spoke up at the forum because only Democratic and Republican candidates for U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and governor had been invited to participate — even though Libertarian candidates will also be on the November 5 ballot.

"There are three candidates on the ballot for U.S. House," he told the crowd. "Where is the third candidate?"

Barton was removed from the fairgrounds, and warned that he would be arrested if he tried to re-enter. Barton refused to obey, stating that he had a right to exercise free speech on public property. He was promptly handcuffed and taken away.

Ironically, the debates were being held at the so-called "Freedom Stage." The forum was sponsored by the Dakota News Network.

Donations to Barton's legal fund can be sent to: Nathan Barton Legal Defense Fund, P.O. Box 3471, Rapid City, SD 57709-3471.

LP helps bounce Bob Barr

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self as a medical marijuana user and says, "Bob Barr thinks I should be in jail for using my medicine. Why would you do that to me, Bob?"

The ad concludes: "When the Drug War turns on our own sick and dying, it's gone too far — and so has Bob Barr."

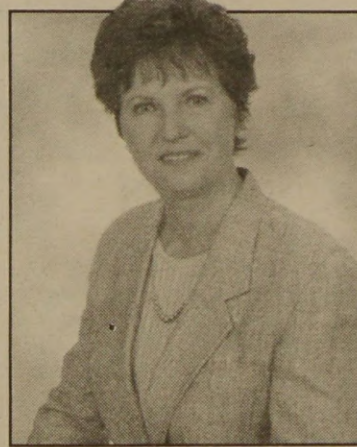
CNN reported that Merle Black, a political science professor at Emory University in Atlanta, said the LP ads played a role in the outcome of the election.

Stinging TV ad

An August 22 CNN story said, "[Black] said Linder likely benefited strongly from Libertarian voters, whose party ran a stinging TV ad ... criticizing Barr for opposing the use of medical marijuana."

The Libertarian ad campaign received heavy coverage from newspapers throughout the district, including the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the most widely circulated newspaper in the state.

The hard-hitting commercial was



■ Carole Ann Rand: "[Congressman Bob] Barr's defeat is a victory for every American."

also a frequent topic on talk radio, and was touted by Neal Boortz, an Atlanta-based talk radio host and Libertarian Party member.

Barr's "out-of-touch" position on medical marijuana may have alienated many of the Congressman's supporters — and cost him votes, said Crickenberger, who produced the ad.

"With polls showing 73% support for medical marijuana, we were able to dramatize how out of step Barr is with ordinary voters," he said.

The LP's "Incumbent Killer Strategy" is one component of the party's plan to end federal drug prohibition within the decade. It is also one of 20 political strategies incorporated in the LP's comprehensive Strategic Plan, approved by the Libertarian National Committee in 2001.

Future targets include U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R-AR), U.S. Sen. Max Cleland (D-GA), U.S. Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT), and U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX). All have been marked for defeat in the November 2002 general election.

"With this victory, we have fired a warning shot for every drug warrior in Congress to hear," said Crickenberger. "And any member of Congress — Democrat or Republican — who introduces legislation to make federal drug laws even more oppressive could be next on our list."

To view the advertisements, visit: www.randforcongress.com.

LP sets off-year record: 49 state ballots

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The Libertarian Party had planned to run candidates in both West Virginia and Washington, DC this year, but fell short of the ballot access signature requirements, said Crickenberger.

1,600 Libertarians

In all, about 1,600 Libertarians have announced they will run for office this fall. While that falls short of the 2,002 candidates the LP had hoped to field, it is still an all-time record, noted Crickenberger.

The previous record was set in 2000, when the party ran about 1,430 candidates at the local, state, and federal level.

Over the past month, two more state Libertarian parties have published sizable candidate slates:

■ In Indiana, the state party will run 157 candidates, announced Brad Klopfenstein, executive director of the state LP. That includes nine candidates for U.S. House, seven for In-

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—Brendan Kinney**

diana Senate, 31 for State House, and 106 for county office.

The candidates for State House are particularly significant, noted Klopfenstein, since many of them are running in two-way races.

"If it weren't for Libertarians, voters would have no choice in 24 of 125 State House races," he said. "Libertarians bring voters real choice."

The Indiana LP's previous record

for candidates was 117, set in 2000.

■ In Vermont, the state party is running 20 candidates for federal, state, and local office, said Brendan Kinney, Vermont LP State Chair.

Common sense

"We are pleased to have so many outstanding candidates this year," he said. "While our candidates may not be slick professional politicians with big war chests, they have the common sense and commitment to principle that are so sorely needed."

Topping the LP ticket are Joel Williams (governor), Christopher Costanzo (attorney general), and Denny Lane (auditor of accounts). Also running is Dan Krymkowski (U.S. House), who faces incumbent Bernie Sanders.

In addition, the party is running eight candidates for State Senate and six candidates for State House.

"Voters will have a chance to vote 'no' to Big Government by voting 'yes' for Libertarian candidates in November!" said Kinney.

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Ed Thompson falls short in primary vote; doesn't qualify for state matching funds

In uncontested Libertarian primary, Thompson gets 2.2% of total vote

LP gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson has come up short in an effort to garner 6% in the Wisconsin primary election — denying him about \$206,000 in matching funds for his campaign.

However, the vote total for the blue-collar candidate was nearly identical to the result of Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura in his primary election in 1998, which party leaders said was a positive sign.

On September 11, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported that Thompson had received about 2.2% of the total vote — or 17,228 votes — in the primary election held the previous day. When *LP News* went to press, the result had not yet been certified by the State Board of Elections.

A prior unofficial tally by the Ed Thompson campaign showed Thompson garnering about 2.9% of the vote.

58% in Tomah

In a show of support for their former mayor, Thompson's hometown of Tomah cast 58% of the town's primary vote for him.

Despite falling short of the 6% goal, Morby said the campaign was "elated" with the results.

"Those 17,000 votes represent die-hard supporters of the Ed Thompson campaign," he said. "It's obvious that number is not representative of the number of people who plan to vote



for Ed in the general election."

The primary result effectively put the \$206,000 in campaign matching funds out of the reach of Thompson, who was relying on the money to nearly double the amount of cash in his campaign war chest.

Nevertheless, his 2.2% vote total put him in the same category as Jesse Ventura, the former pro-wrestler turned Reform Party gubernatorial candidate in Minnesota. In 1998, Ventura garnered about 17,000 votes — or about 2.6% — in the primary elections. He went on to win the general election.

Furthermore, both Minnesota and Wisconsin have a straight-ticket primary voting system that allows citizens to vote for only one party's candidates.

Political experts say this system makes it more difficult for third-party candidates without primary opponents to win votes, since voters would have to forego choosing candidates in other contested major-party elections.

Thompson noted this point in a

letter to the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA), following an announcement that the organization would only invite gubernatorial candidates who reached the 6% mark in the primary election to participate in its fall debate.

Addressed to WBA President John Laabs, the letter requested that the organization reconsider its criterion in light of the unfair burden the state's primary system imposes on third-party candidates.

"Many of my supporters will choose to vote, for example, in a contested Republican state senate race or Democratic sheriff race instead of for me," Thompson wrote.

"This does not reflect a lack of support for my campaign. It just reflects that people do not see a need to vote for a candidate with no opponents."

"Sheer lunacy"

Morby blasted the debate requirement as "sheer lunacy," pointing out that in at least one county, Iron County, not even incumbent Republican Governor Scott McCallum would have qualified for the debate.

"This requirement is fundamentally flawed, and I would hope the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association would rethink its position in the interest of the democratic process," he said.

In other campaign news, a Wisconsin Realtors Association poll of 500 likely voters from across the state put support for Thompson at about 6%. The poll has McCallum at 36%,



■ Gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson prepares to cast his vote in the Wisconsin primary on September 10. Although the LP hopeful fell short of the 6% statewide vote needed to qualify for matching funds, he won 58% of the vote in his hometown of Tomah.

and Democratic candidate Jim Doyle garnering 37%, with about 18% of voters undecided.

Released on September 11, the poll was conducted by the Virginia-based Public Opinion Strategies, and had a margin of error of 4.38%.

Thompson has also received a significant amount of media coverage in early September, including a number of articles in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and the *Capital Times* (Madison), and mentions on the Wisconsin Radio Network.

The more Thompson campaigns around the state and voters become more familiar with him, said Morby,

the more his chance to win the election in November seems likely.

Talking to voters

"The primary election is over, and now it's time for the campaign to move forward," he said. "We're not going to waste any time getting back on the road and allowing Ed to do what he does best — talking to voters about changing the nature of politics in Wisconsin."

For more information, visit: www.edthompson.com. Or call: (608) 374-2537. Or write: Ed Thompson for Wisconsin Governor, P.O. Box 710, Tomah, WI 54660-1509

Bill Masters makes LEAP to fight the War on Drugs

A group of law enforcement officials — including Colorado Libertarian Sheriff Bill Masters — have joined together to build a new organization that hopes to rally public support to end the War on Drugs.

The non-profit organization, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), opened its Medford, Massachusetts headquarters on July 14.

Led by Executive Director Jack Cole, an ex-New Jersey Police Department narcotics officer, LEAP will work to educate government officials, the media, and the public about alternatives to the War on Drugs.

"I really like the idea of an organization of law enforcement officers who are willing to speak out against the failed War on Drugs," said Masters, who has served as the sheriff of San Miguel County in Colorado for 22 years. "Everyone involved in the or-

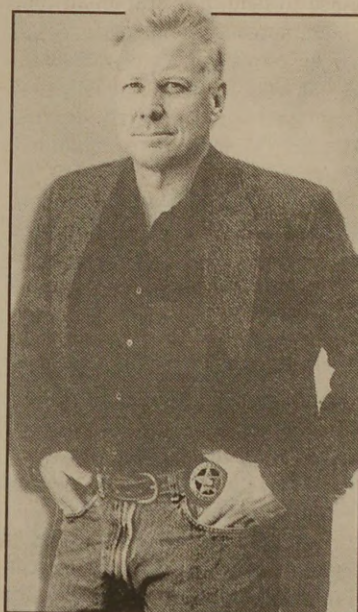
ganization is an admirable person, and I'm honored that I was invited to join."

Although there are already numerous drug reform groups around the nation, LEAP is unique because it is comprised of former and current law enforcement officials "who speak from a position of professional experience when articulating the absolute futility of an incarceration approach to drug policy," according to the LEAP website.

Great credibility

The fact that law enforcement officers — who are on the front lines of the War on Drugs — are willing to publicly take such a controversial position lends "a great deal of credibility" to the idea of ending drug prohibition, said Masters.

LEAP "symbolizes the first crack in the monolithic myth that all po-



■ Colorado Sheriff Bill Masters: "I really like the idea of an organization of law enforcement officers who are willing to speak out against the War on Drugs."

lice officers support the War on Drugs," said Cole.

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Georgia Libertarians help kill \$200 million sales tax

Libertarians in Clayton County, Georgia have helped squash the SPLOST — saving county taxpayers \$200 million over the next five years.

On August 20, county residents rejected a Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) by a 14,513 to 10,208 margin.

Local Libertarians said they played a key role in defeating the measure, which would have raised the county's sales tax rate from 6% to 7%.

"For us, it was the perfect opportunity to campaign and address a local issue at the same time," said Todd King, LP candidate for State Senate (44th District), who campaigned against the tax increase while petitioning door-to-door to get on the November ballot.

"State law requires us to collect thousands of petition signatures from registered voters," he said. "We were

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already knocking on doors; we decided we could save the taxpayers of Clayton County \$200 million while we were doing our petition drive."

Clayton County Libertarians also worked the crowds at Fourth of July parades, handing out about 2,500 pieces of literature urging voters to

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POLITICAL NEWS

Ilana Freedman wins NTUCF endorsement

A Libertarian candidate for Congress in Massachusetts has received the endorsement of the National Taxpayers Union Campaign Fund (NTUCF), the political-action arm of the nation's largest taxpayers organization.

On August 21, the NTUCF — a branch of the non-partisan, 335,000-member National Taxpayers Union — announced it was supporting LP candidate Ilana Freedman in her race for the fifth district seat in the U.S. House.

Freedman, 61, said she was "very pleased" to have received the endorsement.

"Those of us who are striving to become citizen legislators often find it hard to get endorsements," she said. "However, the National Taxpayers Union and I strongly believe the tax burden on the American people should be significantly reduced."

NTUCF President John Berthoud said Freedman would be a "tremendous asset" to taxpayers if elected.

"Ilana is the candidate of less government and lower taxes, and is the most attuned to the families of [her] district," he said.

Freedman faces Democratic incumbent Marty Meehan and Republican challenger Chuck McCarthy in the November election.

For more information about the Freedman for Congress campaign, visit: www.ilana.org.



■ **Ilana Freedman:** "Very pleased."

Opponents gang up on S.D.'s Amendment A

Libertarian Bob Newland's effort to pass a FIJA-style law in South Dakota has run into opposition from his Republican and Democratic opponents for the office of attorney general.

On August 29, Republican Larry Long and Democrat Ron Volesky issued a statement urging voters to reject Amendment A, which will appear on the November 5 ballot.

The proposed amendment, sponsored by Common Sense Justice, would allow defendants to debate the merits of a law — as well as the facts of a case — in a criminal trial. It is similar to Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA) laws that have been proposed in other states.

Such a law is a "self-evident moral right," said Newland, the LP candidate for attorney general. If passed, it would allow juries to reject convictions in cases where they believe a law is improper, or has been wrongly applied, or where the punishment is too harsh, he said.

But his Republican and Democratic opponents said Amendment A "should be rejected in South Dakota."

"The approval of Amendment A would turn the clock back 300 years to European-style justice — where laws applied to the common man didn't apply to the king or other members of the nobility," they said.

Newland said that argument was preposterous.

"Amendment A will help provide for the orderly evolution of law, within a system which includes instant feedback to the legislature concerning the application of individual laws from those most directly affected by the law — the accused and their judges and juries — at the time they are being directly affected," he said.

For more information, visit: www.CommonSenseJustice.us.

Rick Stanley censured by Colorado LP board

Colorado LP U.S. Senate candidate Rick Stanley has been censured by the party's executive board for improper conduct, after a vote to rescind his nomination failed.

At a special hearing on August 27 at the Country Inn & Suites in Denver, the nine-member board unanimously voted to reprimand Stanley for "unacceptable" behavior.

A previous motion to strip Stanley of his LP candidacy failed on a 3-3 vote, with three abstentions. According to party bylaws, a two-thirds vote of the executive board is required to rescind the nomination of any LP candidate.

A complaint filed by three LP members had charged that Stanley, a Denver businessman, had violated libertarian principles by forwarding e-mails to his campaign list that mocked Mexicans, contained anti-Semitic comments, and advocated killing government employees. Stanley did not write the e-mails.

In addition, Stanley said that incumbent U.S. Senator Wayne Allard should be tried for treason and hanged for violating the U.S. Constitution. His statement was published in the *Rocky Mountain News*, the largest newspaper in the state.

"Mr. Stanley was instead censured by the Board, sending the clear message that, as a candidate, his actions are unacceptable," said Colorado LP State Chair John Berntson.



■ **Rick Stanley:** Censure vote.

LP candidate Spear Lancaster qualifies for ballot in Maryland

He's the state's first third-party gubernatorial candidate in 36 years

This fall, Maryland voters will have an opportunity to do something only their parents or grandparents have done: Vote for a third-party candidate for governor.

That's because Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Spear Lancaster has been certified to appear on the November ballot. It's the first time since 1966 that a third-party candidate for governor has accomplished that feat in Maryland.

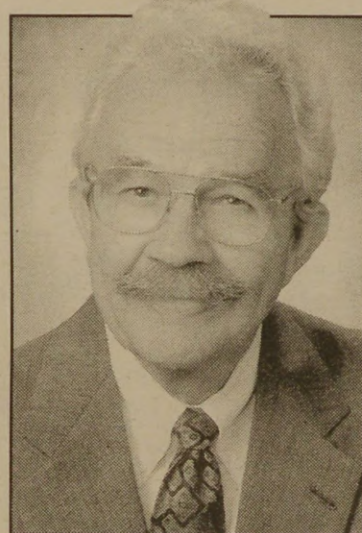
On August 26, the State Board of Elections in Annapolis announced that Lancaster, 68, had submitted the 27,117 valid signatures required by state law.

"Now we can move on to the real campaign, and bring real issues to the table that people care about," said Steve Boone, Lancaster's campaign manager.

Toiled for 18 months

Libertarians had toiled for about 18 months to collect the necessary signatures, buttonholing voters at state fairs, concerts, colleges, supermarkets, and other venues.

On August 5, Libertarians delivered three bankers' boxes — plastered with "Lancaster for Governor" bumperstickers — to the board of



■ **Spear Lancaster:** "I've never been so excited about the potential to accomplish something creative."

elections office. The boxes contained over 36,000 signatures, about 9,000 more than necessary.

Now, Lancaster said he and lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Lorenzo Gaztanaga will concentrate on soliciting votes in an effort to "change the paradigm of politics" in the state.

"I've had some interesting expe-

riences as a businessman and entrepreneur, but it's nothing compared to this," said Lancaster. "I've never been so excited about the potential to enact change and accomplish something creative."

During his campaign, Lancaster has advocated more choice in education, less taxation and spending, and privatizing certain government services.

Since completing his ballot drive, Lancaster has also pledged to enact ballot access reform if elected.

"While [third parties and independents] are trying to get signatures, the political establishment of the traditional parties is trying to get votes," he said. "During my first term as governor, I will work with the General Assembly to level the playing field."

A former salesman for the Rubbermaid Corporation, Lancaster is the past vice chair of the Maryland LP and past chair of the Anne Arundel County LP. He has been married for 45 years, and has two children and three grandchildren.

Lancaster is facing Democrat Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and Republican Robert Erlich.

For more information, visit: www.spear2002.com.

Colorado LP candidate faces lawsuit for defense contract whistleblowing

A Libertarian candidate for U.S. House is being sued for defamation after he publicly alleged that a retired Army general's company engaged in defense contracting fraud.

The California-based SY Technology filed a lawsuit against Biff Baker, LP candidate for U.S. House (District 5) in Colorado, charging him with defamation, conspiracy, and "tortious interference."

The lawsuit, filed in late August in the Fourth Judicial District Court in Colorado Springs, also accused Baker of causing a "loss of privacy" for the company's president, retired General Jay Garner.

In addition, the lawsuit accused Baker of making allegations of corruption to "raise his public visibility [and] to advance his personal political ambitions."

No merit

Baker, 45, said there is no merit to the lawsuit.

"[I said] nothing defamatory or libelous — everything I have said or written is true," he said. "This is just an example of big business and big government trying to squash

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In the lawsuit, SY Technology said Baker's allegations have had a damaging effect on the company's business.

"Existing customers have been chilled in their dealings with SY Technology," the lawsuit claimed. "Prospective customers have been reluctant to give SY Technology new projects."

SY Technology is seeking unspecified damages. It also asked the court for an injunction to stop Baker from making further "false and outrageous accusations."

But Baker said the only reason he went public with his allegations is "to see that justice is done."

"I want to see that people who are defrauding taxpayers — and the people who are helping to cover it up — are punished," he said.

Lost his job

Baker, a former lieutenant colonel in the Army, lost his job with a government subcontractor after he blew the whistle on allegedly corrupt practices in the military's missile-defense program.

While in the U.S. Army, Baker served at the Army Space Command in Colorado Springs, where missile-defense system research and testing is done.

Baker retired from the Army in 2000, and eventually took a job with the COLSA Corporation, monitoring the efficiency of missile-defense program contractors.

Baker said he soon became aware of "questionable practices" — including the fact that retired three-star General Jay Garner and his company, SY Technology, had been awarded \$100 million in contracts on a sole-

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Why are Massachusetts Gun Freedom Leaders Endorsing Carla Howell for Governor?

Carla Howell is the **ONLY** Pro-Gun candidate for Governor of Massachusetts.

Mitt Romney, the Republican candidate for Governor, got a grade of "F" from Gun Owners of America. Mitt Romney supports and approves of Anti-Gun Chapter 180. He opposed Bill H.5102 which would have reduced the impact of Chapter 180.

Mitt Romney is Anti-Gun.

Shannon O'Brien, the likely winner of the Democratic nomination for Governor on September 17th, also opposed H.5102. O'Brien supports Anti-Gun Chapter 180.

Shannon O'Brien is Anti-Gun.

Carla Howell is actively campaigning to repeal Chapter 180 — to remove every Anti-Gun law on the books in Massachusetts.

She has campaigned at over 100 gun clubs and gun stores in Massachusetts.

She testified before the state legislature on behalf of the repeal of Anti-Gun Chapter 180. In fact, she shredded a copy of Chapter 180 during her testimony. The crowd cheered while the legislators tried to gavel her down.

Chapter 180 is Disarming Massachusetts

In 1998, before Anti-Gun Chapter 180 was made into law, there were nearly 1,500,000 active gun licenses in Massachusetts.

Today, 4 years later, that number has plummeted to 200,000.

Anti-Gun Chapter 180 is driving honest and responsible gun owners out of Massachusetts.

Some Massachusetts gun owners are unknowingly breaking this new law. Others are forced to break the law rather than leave their families at the mercy of violent criminals.

Anti-Gun Chapter 180 is disarming Massachusetts.

Mitt Romney and Shannon O'Brien, the Quislings and Neville Chamberlains of Massachusetts, are rapidly surrendering our gun rights.

Four years of Mitt Romney's and Shannon O'Brien's Anti-Gun political collaboration and appeasement would make Massachusetts a safe haven for rapists, murderers, carjackers, and home invaders.

Gun Freedom leaders know it.

That's why every true blue Gun Freedom leader in Massachusetts is backing Carla Howell's campaign for Governor.

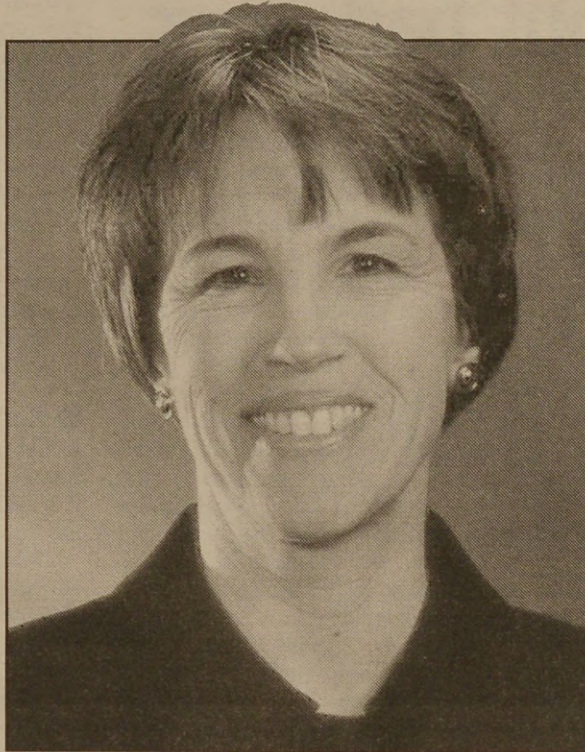
Because she puts the Second Amendment first. Because the right of self-defense protects all our other rights.

Carla Howell is the **ONLY** Pro-Gun candidate for Governor of Massachusetts.

Gun Freedom Leaders Endorse Carla Howell

Take a look at the Honor Roll of Gun Freedom leaders who have already endorsed me for Governor of Massachusetts.

- Harry Vandoloski, President, Lawful and Responsible Gun Owners (LARGO)
- Lynne Roberts, Massachusetts State



Massachusetts Gubernatorial Candidate Carla Howell is 100% Pro-Gun. No Excuses, No Exceptions.

Coordinator, Second Amendment Sisters

- Bart Kincaid, Board of Directors, Gun Owners Action League (GOAL)
- Tom LaRoche, Board of Directors, Gun Owners Action League (GOAL)
- Lyn Bates, Columnist, Women & Guns Magazine and Author, Safety for Stalking Victims
- Darius Arbabi, Attorney at Law, Expert in Massachusetts firearms law
- Alan Gottlieb, Founder, Second Amendment Foundation (SAF)
- David Rostcheck, Co-Founder, Pink Pistols
- Ronald Knoll, 25-year Veteran of Law Enforcement; former President, Northern Middlesex County Police Association
- An "A" rating from Gun Owners of America.
- A+ rating from Pink Pistols.
- PLUS dozens of endorsements from gun club officers across Massachusetts.

Pro-Gun on TV, Radio, and Newspapers

Why has Carla Howell earned the trust and support of Gun Freedom leaders in Massachusetts?

Because she is the **ONLY** candidate for Governor speaking out loudly and proudly on behalf of the Second Amendment.

Not just to gun owners. But for gun owners and Gun Freedom activists. On TV. On Radio. With newspaper reporters.

To Anthony Everett on Boston Channel 5 ABC TV. Chet Curtis or Margie Reedy on New England Cable News TV.

Neal Boortz!

Whether it's David Brudnoy challenging her on WBZ Talk Radio Show; Emily Rooney on WGBH Channel 2 TV; Howie Carr, Peter Blute or Moe Lauzier on WRKO Talk Radio; Jon Keller on Channel 56 TV; Jordan Levy, on WTAG Talk Radio, Tony Gill on WCAI Radio, or any of the dozens of TV and radio hosts and anchors across Massachusetts who have interviewed her, Carla Howell gives listeners compelling reasons for restoring the Second Amendment.

Associated Press, Boston Globe, and every other Massachusetts newspaper.

Every newspaper reporter, Talk Radio Host, and TV interviewer in Massachusetts knows this about Carla Howell: she is proud of our Pro-Gun position and she won't back down.

Please Help

All across Massachusetts, gun clubs and gun stores and gun owners are putting up Carla Howell's Libertarian campaign signs.

They're asking their families, their friends, their neighbors, and their co-workers to vote Carla Howell, Libertarian for Governor.

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TALKING POINTS

Ashcroft's 'reasonable' gun laws, and good news about bad news

■ Dumb=Dumb

"In a philosophical effort to come up with a city law that no one could ever break, conceptual artist Jonathon Keats wants Berkeley to legally acknowledge Aristotle's law, commonly expressed as A=A," the *San Francisco Chronicle* reports.

"Although his law can't be broken, a misdemeanor fine of up to one-tenth of a cent would be imposed on anyone or anything caught being unidentical to itself within city limits."

— OPINIONJOURNAL.COM
August 14, 2002

■ 147 too many

Number of countries in which at least one U.S. soldier was stationed last year and in 1950, respectively: 148, 95.

— HARPERS, August 2002

■ Not so bad

With the opening of the United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, we will be hearing a great deal about sustainability.

Why does the world worry so much about sustainability? Because we constantly hear a litany of how the environment is in poor shape. Natural resources are running out. Population is growing, leaving less and less to eat. Species are becoming extinct in vast numbers. Forests are disappearing. The planet's air and water are getting ever more polluted. Human activity is, in short, defiling the earth.

There is, however, one problem: this litany is not supported by the evidence.

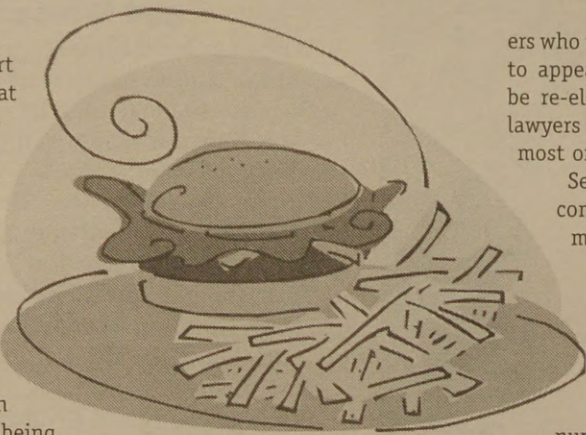
Energy and other natural resources have become more abundant, not less so. More food is now produced per capita than at any time in the world's history. Fewer people are starving. Species are, it is true, becoming extinct. But only about 0.7% of them are expected to disappear in the next 50 years, not the 20% to 50% that some have predicted.

Most forms of environmental pollution look as though they have either been exaggerated or are transient — associated with the early phases of industrialization. They are best cured not by restricting economic growth but by accelerating it.

— BJORN LOMBORG
The New York Times
August 26, 2002

■ Shouting "fire!"

Claudia Huntey, 38, who has suffered from Tourette's syndrome since



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Barber sued four
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age 9, filed a federal lawsuit in Denver in April after she was evicted from Torrey Pines apartment complex because her frequent screams during the night disturbed her neighbors.

Huntey, whose most frequent symptom is to yell "Fire!" at the top of her lungs, claimed that since those are "involuntary vocalizations" protected under federal disability law, her neighbors would just have to get used to them.

— NEWS OF THE WEIRD
August 11, 2002

■ Smelling a payday

Finally! A conspiracy we can all sink our teeth into.

When amiable but undisciplined opportunist Caesar Barber sued four fast-food-restaurant chains because he is obese, no one was surprised. We all saw this coming.

Never mind that the legal assault against "Big Eat" is silly on its face. (The restaurant chains named in Barber's lawsuit already provide complete nutrition information to anyone who asks.) That lawsuit is just one play in a long game of political football.

The aggressors are a blend of self-anointed "food police" activists; over-zealous public health "experts" who'd like to raise our children for us; advocates of "Twinkie taxes"; lawmak-

ers who use the cudgel of government to appear "enlightened" enough to be re-elected; and, yes, those trial lawyers who smell a payday where most of us just smell dinner.

Several fouls have already been committed in this game, a few more flagrant than the rest.

Take the oft-cited statistic blaming 300,000 deaths a year on the effects of being overweight. Nonsense. The scientists whose work made that number a common statistic were careful to point out that such a huge figure presumed extra heft was responsible for "all excess mortality in obese people."

The *New England Journal of Medicine* said the evidence of such a high mortality rate "is by no means well established," that the claim was "limited, fragmented and often ambiguous" and "derived from weak or incomplete data."

— RICHARD BERMAN
USA Today, August 15, 2002

■ Pay raise explained

Congress quietly has given itself another pay raise — the fourth in as many years — increasing the annual salary of these reputed public servants to \$155,000, a \$5,000 boost over last year.

"Bringing home the bacon" is hard, hard work, according to pay-raise defenders. And members of Congress evidently deserve a hefty paycheck for the privilege of pillaging yours.

— SEAN PAIGE
Insight, July 29, 2002

■ Define 'unreasonable'

For the past year, Justice Department lawyers have been laying before the courts across the country [U.S. Attorney General John] Ashcroft's view that there is a right to possess guns for personal use, not just when individuals are members of a state militia like the National Guard.

Most courts, believing that the Supreme Court had settled the Second Amendment question in favor of the traditional view, have routinely rejected attempts to re-open it. But, now that the nation's senior law-enforcement official has argued otherwise, defense lawyers are aiming to put a solid test case before the Supreme Court.

That effort has thus far been frustrated, ironically, by the Justice Department, which has yet to argue in court that a prosecution should not go forward because of the Second Amendment.

Instead, the department said repeatedly that the individual right to

possess guns is qualified by "reasonable restrictions." And, so far, the department has not found any gun-control law to be unreasonable.

— LYLE DENNISTON
The Boston Globe
August 18, 2002

■ Federal land grab

Governments already own 900 million acres — 40% or more — of the total land area of the United States. Nearly 200 million acres are designated as "wilderness," off-limits to humans.

More than 50 bills have been introduced in Congress to expand the wilderness area, and another 50 bills are now being considered to authorize more land acquisition by governments.

— HENRY LAMB
Environment & Climate News
August 2002

■ Recycling myths

Get ready to start separating, washing, and storing aluminum cans, if Senator Jim Jeffords (I-Vermont.) has his way.

Unhappy that only half of all cans purchased in America are recycled, Jeffords is pushing a bill that would force citizens to pay a 10-cent deposit for every aluminum can they purchase.

Jerry Taylor, director of natural resource studies at the Cato Institute, [says the bill doesn't make sense].

"When recycling makes economic sense, government doesn't have to mandate it or subsidize it. Somebody in the private sector will be happy to pay you for your garbage or, alternatively, charge you less for recycling services than for landfilling services."

"Some of [the people] say it's just not worth it anymore," agreed Ford Schumann, who operates a small recycling business in Chestertown, Maryland.

Schumann noted the price of aluminum scrap has dropped from 60 cents a pound to 20 cents a pound in recent years. Additionally, he observed, today's soda cans use only half as much aluminum as they used to. Mandatory programs that made

little economic sense to begin with make even less economic sense now.

Voluntary-recycling efforts have similarly fallen off. As Schumann explains, people have to collect up to six times as many cans today to get the same payment they used to collect. With aluminum prices declining and today's cans being quite aluminum-efficient, there is little reason to recycle cans other than a vague notion of environmental altruism.

"If the wood, sand, or various metals that we're supposedly rescuing via recycling were actually in danger of running out, they have a funny way of showing it," observed Taylor. Prices for all three have been falling, he explained, reflecting anything but a scarcity of these resources.

— JAMES M. TAYLOR
Environment & Climate News
September 2002

■ Monsters abroad

The greatest tangible risk regarding Iraq may not be that it will attack U.S. interests with weapons of mass destruction — there is as of yet no evidence that Iraq has such weapons or the requisite delivery systems, according to Senator Richard Lugar.

Rather, according to Independent Institute senior research fellow Robert Higgs, it may be the risk that a pre-emptive strike on Iraq would inaugurate an aggressive U.S. policy comprised of attacks against the many tyrants that plague the planet — a foolish policy that John Quincy Adams tried to warn Americans against pursuing.

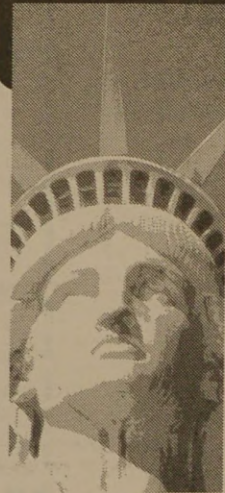
"In 1821," writes Higgs, "Secretary of State John Quincy Adams declared that this country 'goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy.' Now, however, it seems that doing so, by means of aggressive 'pre-emptive' attacks, is to be the government's official policy."

"If the American people accede to this policy," Higgs continues, "we will suffer the fate that Adams himself feared would ensue. The fundamental maxims of [U.S.] policy would insensibly change from liberty to force."

— THE LIGHTHOUSE
August 12, 2002

**"Americans used to
roar like lions for liberty.
Now we bleat like sheep
for security."**

— NORMAN VINCENT PEALE



It's your choice: Will you roar like a lion for liberty? Or bleat like a sheep? Since you're a Libertarian, you've already answered that question. You're part of the pride of lions determined to rebuild the pride of America — our nation's traditional commitment to liberty, responsibility, and limited government. Here's one way you can help reach that goal: By naming the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. To discuss this option, call National LP Treasurer Deryl Martin at (865) 584-5192. E-mail: dmartin301@comcast.net

Full-page Ads in the Boston Globe

Why we're reaching out to the Globe's 1,200,000 readers

40% of Massachusetts voters already support Carla Howell's Libertarian Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts. (*Boston Globe*, 8/29/02)

More and more Massachusetts voters are joining us. They're seeing the huge benefits of our Libertarian Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

Our common sense case is winning the hearts and minds of Massachusetts Taxpayers.

We've already run several full-page ads in the *Boston Globe*. Reaching out to working class and middle class Massachusetts Taxpayers. Reaching out to voters who have never been exposed to the Libertarian alternative.

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Skyscraping Government Spending

Governor Michael Dukakis' 1991 state budget was \$10 Billion. Working class and middle class taxpayers thought the 1991 Dukakis budget was way too high. So did tax-cutters, small business owners, fiscal conservatives, and economists.

This year's Massachusetts state budget is almost \$23 Billion. Today, 11 years later, \$13 Billion higher than the "way too high" Dukakis budget.

Massachusetts state government spending has more than DOUBLED. Are our children getting double the education? Are our streets twice as well paved and maintained? Is Logan Airport twice as safe and secure as it was 10 years ago?

Growing Burdens and Obstacles

While Massachusetts government spending has doubled in the last 10 years, government-created burdens and obstacles have grown even faster.

Massachusetts government restrictions, regulations, mandates, red tape, licensing, permits, fees, and requirements make it harder to operate a business, buy or sell a car, buy or sell a house, or improve a house, rent a home or apartment, educate our children, obtain affordable health care, and save for our future.

Massachusetts government-created burdens and obstacles push down our standard of living. They cost us time and money. Government-created burdens

Finally! The Uncensored Facts about Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts

Why have these facts been kept from you?

Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 will:

- ✓ Give back \$3,000 each to 3,000,000 Massachusetts workers \$3,000 every year.
- ✓ Create 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs in Massachusetts.
- ✓ Protect your family's financial privacy from Massachusetts state government.
- ✓ Force the state legislature to dramatically streamline and cut the waste out of the Massachusetts state budget.
- ✓ Force the state legislature to get rid of failed, flawed government programs that don't work.
- ✓ Make the state legislature accountable to Massachusetts workers and taxpayers — instead of lobbyists, special interests, and bureaucrats.

164,000 Unemployed

164,000 Massachusetts workers can't find jobs. 164,000 out of work. Businesses are laying workers off. Downsizing. Others are closing their doors.

How many of your friends, family members, or neighbors can't find a job? How many of them can't pay their rent or feed their families because they're out of work? How many are still looking for work and how many have given up hope?

How many people are forced to leave Massachusetts in search of jobs? Hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

Shrinking Take-Home Pay

Workers who still have jobs are facing pay cuts or pay freezes or unpaid leave.

Others are required to put in a lot more hours for the same pay. This year, the state legislature slashed the take-home pay of Massachusetts workers. How? A \$1.1 billion tax hike. On the back of Massachusetts workers. Every tax hike is a pay cut.

The Massachusetts state government is shrinking the take-home pay of Massachusetts workers.

What We Need

We need to dramatically cut state government over-spending. We need to remove the government-created burdens and obstacles that stand between us and unemployed jobs. We need jobs for our graduates. And Massachusetts workers need substantially more take-home pay.

Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts is just what we need. For our families and communities.

\$3,000 More Take-Home Pay

There are over 3,000,000 people working in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts state government takes \$9 Billion from us in personal income taxes every year. Divide \$9 Billion in taxes by 3,000,000 taxpayers. \$3,000 average each.

5,000,000 Massachusetts workers will each get an average of \$3,000 more every year. You, your friends, your co-workers, your neighbors. \$3,000 each. Every year.

For our families and communities. For our neighborhoods and communities.

\$3,000 more every year to spend or save, to give to churches, charities, or favorite causes.

Working class and middle class families are having trouble making ends meet. They need this \$3,000. Workers with shrinking take-home pay need this \$3,000.

This tax cut is their pay raise. Do you have family or friends moving retirement ago? They need this \$3,000. Every year.

Do you have a business? Every customer who walks in your door will have \$3,000 more each year to spend with your business.

3,000,000 Massachusetts workers will each get their share of \$9 Billion a year from Ending the Income Tax in Massachusetts. Those who put more in will get more back. Those who put less in will get less back. The average worker will get \$3,000. Every year.

300,000 to 500,000 New Jobs

Tax increases destroy jobs. Government burdens and ob-



Carla Howell: Her November 5th ballot initiative — Ballot Question 1 — will provide enormous benefits to Massachusetts residents. It will give back \$3,000 each to 3,000,000 Massachusetts workers, help dramatically cut state government over-spending, and create 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs in the Bay State.

Can a State Government Operate with NO Income Tax?

Florida, Washington, and Texas have no state income tax. Neither does Tennessee, Nevada, Wyoming, South Dakota, Alaska, or New Hampshire. Nine states have NO Income Tax on wages. Massachusetts would be the tenth state.

Can Massachusetts Operate on a Budget of Only \$14 Billion?

We have a \$23 Billion state budget. The state personal income tax collects \$9 Billion. \$23 Billion minus a \$9 Billion Tax Cut from Ending the Income Tax equals a \$14 Billion state budget.

We run the Massachusetts state government on \$10 Billion just a decade ago. \$14 Billion is still \$4 Billion higher than Governor Michael Dukakis' 1991 bloated state budget.

Even after we End the Income Tax, Massachusetts state spending will be 40% higher than the Dukakis' budget.

How are we going to Fund Essential Government Services?

Police, firefighters, and local roads are already funded by local taxes.

Out of the entire \$23 Billion state budget, less than \$1.5 Billion pays for state law enforcement and firefighters and functions specifically mandated by the Massachusetts Constitution. This includes the legislature, state offices, state police, prisons, courts, etc.

Another \$1.5 Billion is for Tax Bond payments. Less than \$1 Billion is spent on roads — including the Big Dig. That's less than \$4 Billion total — out of the \$23 Billion state budget — that is needed to pay for

the functions. The remaining \$19 Billion funds a vast array of government programs. Social programs that would be run more responsibly, more effectively, and at dramatically lower costs by private charities, private businesses, and community organizations.

Will we need to Replace the Income Tax with New State or Local Taxes?

No! Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 is designed to make government smaller.

To remove the wasteful and destructive Big Government Programs that burden us with High Taxes, in fact, Ending the Income Tax will help drive down other taxes.

For example, when we DOWNSIZE and remove the rules, regulations, and mandates that drive up the cost of education, cities and towns will be able to vote tax under-rides to cut property taxes.

How will we Fund the State Government when we End the Income Tax?

The personal Income Tax is only 39% of total state funding (\$9 Billion out of \$23 Billion).

The Massachusetts state government is swimming in cash. Here are some of the state taxes that remain on the books after we End the Income Tax in Massachusetts:

- 5% Sales Tax
- Business and Corporate Taxes
- Death (Estate) Taxes
- Turnpike, Bridge, and Tunnel Tolls
- Gasoline Taxes
- Alcohol Taxes
- Cigarette Taxes
- State Gambling Profits
- Professional License Fees
- Water and Sewer Assessments
- Motor Vehicle Registration and License Fees
- Fishing, Hunting, and Gun License Fees
- Cable TV Taxes
- Long Distance Phone Taxes
- Electricity Taxes
- Hotel Occupancy Taxes
- User Fees (e.g., court costs, freedom of information, parks, etc.)

Other sources

The state government will also continue to take in revenues from other taxpayer-funded sources:

- Tax Bond Proceeds
- Lottery Settlements (e.g., from cigarette manufacturers)
- Investment Earnings (on \$30 Billion in government financial assets)
- Federal Grants and Subsidies (paid out of your Federal Taxes)

This doesn't even include your local taxes: property taxes, auto excise taxes, room taxes, mental car taxes, and more.

Even after we End the Income Tax in Massachusetts, the state government will have more than enough money to fulfill its duties.

DOWNSIZING State Government

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AFFILIATE NEWS

The 15-minute driver's license promise, a beauty queen, and a salary give-back

■ ALASKA

IRV proposal falls short in August 20 election

A Libertarian-supported initiative to implement instant run-off voting (IRV) in the state has been defeated, dashing the hopes of many election-reform advocates.

In the August 20 primary election, about 36% of the 108,757 voters cast a ballot in favor of the measure, while the remaining 64% opposed it.

The initiative sought to make Alaska one of the few states with a preferential voting system. It would have been used for all elections except for governor.

In anticipation of the election, the state LP had joined an organization called Alaskans for Voters Rights to drum up support for the initiative.

"I'm sure the idea will be resurrected in the future sometime," said **Ken Jacobus**, LP member and initiative sponsor. "We're just sorry Alaskans did not decide to be the leader on this."

At the Libertarian National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in July 2002, LP delegates added a plank supporting proportional representation and instant run-off voting to the party platform.

■ CALIFORNIA

Santa Clara LP blasts eminent domain abuse

Santa Clara Libertarians have passed a resolution denouncing the San Jose city council's use of eminent domain — charging that it is an "assault on private property rights."

Introduced by LP Campaigns Chair **Dennis Umphress**, the resolution passed unanimously at the Santa Clara County LP meeting on July 11 in San Jose.

The measure was written in response to a recent "land grab" by the San Jose city council, which voted to allow the San Jose Redevelopment Agency to condemn the Tropicana Shopping Center and turn the property over to a private development company.

The council has also voted to categorize certain local neighborhoods as "blighted," thereby allowing government bureaucrats to mandate improvements to private homes and properties, said LP activist **Marv Rudin**.

"This situation presents a huge opportunity for the Libertarian Party," he said. "People are beginning to feel threatened as the government increases its control over private property. Libertarians need to reach out to them."



South Dakota Libertarians (and Jim Lark) promote Amendment A

■ Former National LP Chair **Jim Lark** (with balloon, right) helps promote the jury-empowerment initiative, Amendment A, at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron on July 31. With him (l-r) are **James Christen** (former South Dakota LP State Chair), **Bob Newland** (head of Common Sense Justice, which is sponsoring the initiative), and **Larry Dodge** (a prime mover in the Fully Informed Jury Amendment movement).

Libertarians at the booth gave away free balloons and shopping bags, and touted Amendment A as a "common sense" alternative to unfair juries.

The initiative would allow juries to reject convictions in cases where they believe a law is improper, or has been wrongly applied, or where the punishment is too harsh — and is "aimed at the spate of victimless crimes that legislators have passed over the years," said Newland.

■ DELAWARE

Voters nix smoking ban in Libertarian's fair poll

Smoking may be an effective outreach issue for Libertarians — at least, that's what the results of an informal survey about a new state ban on smoking suggest.

At the State Fair in Harrington in late July, the Delaware LP booth featured a 12'x4' orange banner that asked, "Do you agree with the government's ban on smoking?" in bold white letters.

According to the poll, which surveyed 201 fairgoers, only 26% of state residents support the ban, while 69% oppose it. The remaining 5% of the respondents were "not sure."

"I think smoking can be a valuable outreach issue for Libertarian candidates," said LP State Chair **George Smith**.

"There are a lot of people who don't like the government dictating lifestyle choices to them."

The ban, which passed the state legislature earlier this year and was signed by Governor **Ruth Ann Minner**, prohibits smoking in all bars and restaurants in the state.

■ GEORGIA

City council candidate proposes opt-out tax

Concerned with skyrocketing property tax rates, a Libertarian city council candidate in Suwanee has unveiled a plan to make paying a portion of the local property tax optional.

At a forum for city council candidates on August 13, **Jim Lenahan**, a former Republican county chair, proposed allowing individual residents to apply for an exemption from the Green Space Bond portion of their tax bill.

Passed last year by voters, the \$17.7 million Green Space Bond has effectively doubled property taxes in the area to finance government purchases of undeveloped land, said Lenahan.

"When the bond was first pro-

posed, I was all for it," he said. "However, as much as I am for green space acquisition, I am against taxes."

According to Lenahan's plan, any local citizen who wishes not to pay the tax portion of the bond could take out a newspaper ad stating their opposition, and petition the city council for an exemption.

■ ILLINOIS

A driver's license in 15 minutes — or it's free

A Libertarian candidate for secretary of state wants to make the state's Department of Motor Vehicles more like a Pizza Hut restaurant.

If a pizza can be delivered in half an hour, there's no reason why getting a driver's license can't take 15 minutes, said **Matt Beauchamp**. And if he is elected, a driver's license will be free if state residents don't get it

within that time, he said.

"In the age of the 15-minute oil change and the 15-minute pizza, why is the 15-minute driver's license such an impossible thought?" he asked. "Because we all know the office is infested with patronage workers, goldbrickers, featherbedders and friends and family of politicians. I can change that."

To accomplish this, Beauchamp said he will implement new technology that dramatically cuts labor time, and make licenses valid for five years.

"Republicans and Democrats have no interest in this new technology — because it would eliminate state jobs at the DMV," he told voters. "And those lost jobs mean lost votes for them. Remember: For these career politicians it's all about holding power, not making your life any easier."

■ ILLINOIS

Three more candidates score spots on ballot

The state LP has won a lawsuit that will allow three state legislative candidates to appear on the ballot, thanks to a judicial overrule of an earlier decision by the State Board of Elections (SBOE).

The SBOE had announced that the Libertarian candidates for State Assembly — **John Tepley** (District 41), **Chandler Hadraba** (District 48), and **Steve Dubovik** (District 95) — could not run for office because the LP is not an established party in their districts.

But on August 22, Judge **Marcia Maras** reversed the ruling, arguing that the LP had earned established party status in the three legislative districts in DuPage County.

The ruling, handed down on the heels of a successful effort to defend the LP's 2002 candidate slate against a Republican-led challenge in July, indicates that the party is "on a roll," said DuPage LP spokesman **Ted Semon**.

"The Libertarian Party alternative is becoming more and more mainstream in Illinois every day," he said.

■ MASSACHUSETTS

LP candidate files suit over rally permit denial

A Libertarian candidate for state representative has filed a lawsuit against the city of Ashland for preventing him from staging a rally in a public park.

James Pillsbury, MetroWest coordinator for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and LP candidate for State House (District 6), had attempted to book a marijuana legalization rally in Stone Park over the Memorial Day weekend.

But when he submitted his event application, he was told he must purchase \$1 million in liability insurance

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to host the event — a payment that he said had not been demanded from other rally sponsors in the past.

Pillsbury filed suit in Boston federal court on August 23, charging that he had been singled out to pay the fee because the city disapproves of the rally's controversial subject.

"This is a clear-cut case of an abridgment on my right to free speech, and I'm confident [the city] will lose in court," he said.

■ MICHIGAN

City councilman helps stop costly 'living wage'

Libertarian City Councilman **Andy LeCureaux** has led a successful effort to defeat a proposed "living wage" ordinance in Hazel Park.

On July 23, LeCureaux, who was elected to the board in November 2001, voted with two other city councilors on the five-member board to kill the proposal, saying such an ordinance would cause workers to be laid off.

The law would have required contractors providing goods and services to the city to pay their workers \$10 per hour without medical benefits, or \$8.75 an hour with benefits. The current minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour.

"There's no need for it," LeCureaux said. "Where are all the people demanding it? [Passing] this would be like adopting a law for hitching posts outside city hall."

A similar living wage law had been passed by the council earlier, but was rescinded in June when state legislators threatened to reduce state-shared revenues by 10% to communities with a living wage requirement.

■ MISSOURI

Candidate's wife wins Mrs. Missouri contest

Who says politics can't be pretty? On July 14, **Teresa Foli**, wife of Libertarian mayor and state legislative candidate **Jeff Foli**, won the Mrs. Missouri competition in Blue Springs. It was Foli's third attempt in three years at the title.

The victory earned Foli a spot in the Mrs. America pageant, which will be held in Honolulu in late September [After LP News went to press]. If Foli wins that contest, she will compete for the Mrs. World title in Romania in December.

Jeff Foli, who was elected as Chillicothe mayor as a Libertarian in 2001, said his wife's achievement is likely to help him in his bid for the State Assembly (District 7) seat.

"I'm very proud of Teresa," he said. "And I have no doubt that having her at my side in my campaign increases my odds of being elected."

■ MISSOURI

Record number of votes cast in party's primary

A record number of state voters requested LP ballots in the 2002 primary election — and that's a positive sign, say party leaders.

In the August 6 election, over 3,200 Missouri voters asked for Libertarian Party ballots, eclipsing the previous marks of about 1,700 and



Florida LP reaches out with Quiz and on radio

■ **Florida Libertarians reach out to voters at the Candidate Fair held at the Avenues Mall in Jacksonville on July 27.**

While both Republican and Democratic candidates also attended the event, it was dominated by the Libertarian Party, said **Doug Klippel**, chair of the Jacksonville LP.

"With more candidates, a finer literature selection, and multimedia to boot, how could we not?" he said. "While other candidates handed out candies and balloons, the Libertarians handed out pocket Constitutions."

Top: Rick Koch (right) looks on as passersby study the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

Bottom: Klippel (right), who is also the host of the Libertarian Perspective radio show, interviews Florida LP Regional Rep. **Mike Meroney**. The show broadcast live from the Candidate Fair.

1,600 set in the last two primary elections. All three elections featured contested top-of-the-ballot races.

"This is a great sign that voters are becoming increasingly fed up with the Demoblicans," said LP State Chair **Bob Sullentrup**. "Voters are saying 'a pox on them both.'"

Leading the 2002 LP ticket is U.S. Senate candidate **Tamara Millay**, who garnered 1,942 votes to top competitor **Edward Manley's** 1,329 votes.

"[Our] next challenge is to double our activists, candidates, donors and members as well," said Sullentrup.

■ MONTANA

LP Labor Day proposal: End state's income tax

In honor of the Labor Day holiday, Libertarians have suggested how state government can best help workers: Dramatically slash their taxes.

The LP proposal came after a meeting of the state's appointed Tourist Tax Advisory Board on August 30. The goal of the meeting was to devise new taxes to compensate for a proposed income-tax rate reduction

backed by Governor **Judy Martz**, said LP State Chair **Mike Fellows**.

"These so-called tourist taxes are nothing more than sales taxes and Montana citizens will be paying most of those taxes," says Fellows. "[This proves] the Martz administration really isn't concerned about the idea of downsizing state government."

One way the government can make life significantly better for workers is by creating exemptions to the state sales tax and eliminating the state income tax, said Fellows.

"It's time to eliminate income taxes completely and let Montanans prosper," he said.

■ PENNSYLVANIA

Ken Krawchuk: Voters must approve tax hikes

Citing an ever-growing tax burden on state residents, LP gubernatorial candidate **Ken Krawchuk** has called for voter referendums on all proposed tax increases.

"Since the politicians just cannot seem to control themselves, I propose the obvious answer: That every tax

increase must first be approved by the voters," he said. "If we the people say 'no' to a tax increase, then the answer is no."

Krawchuk made his proposal at an August 15 press conference in Abington, and at a September 4 press conference at the state Capitol building in Harrisburg.

In addition to supporting voter referendums on all proposed tax increases, Krawchuk said he would also seek to significantly cut taxes and rein in state spending as governor.

"High taxes are only the symptom; excessive spending is the disease," he said. "And voter referendums on tax increases are the cure."

For more information about the campaign, visit: www.kenk.org.

■ SOUTH CAROLINA

City council backs down on campaign sign rule

Charging that a local sign ordinance violates the First Amendment, a Libertarian candidate in Clemson has convinced the city council to suspend enforcement of the law.

Soon after yard signs for state legislative candidate **Carl Lindenmeyer** were erected in early August, the city ordered the signs to be taken down. A Clemson ordinance prohibits putting up campaign signs more than 30 days before an election.

But at a city council meeting on August 19, Lindenmeyer testified that the ordinance is unconstitutional, and will hinder his ability to campaign for office. Lindenmeyer is running for the District 3 seat in the State House.

"Shame on you for having a code that violates my free speech rights," Lindenmeyer told the seven-member council.

The council then voted unanimously to cease enforcing the law until the after November election while it is reviewed.

■ TEXAS

LP names replacement for Supreme Court race

The state LP has replaced its nominee for chief justice of the state Supreme Court, following a court order to remove the party's original candidate.

On August 31, LP State Chair **David DeLamar** declared former LP candidate **Clifford William** ineligible for the position, as directed by the Texas Third Circuit Court of Appeals a day earlier.

William, who does not have a license to practice law, had mounted his campaign to challenge a state requirement that a Texas Supreme Court candidate be a licensed attorney who has practiced for at least 10 years in the state.

Nevertheless, the William campaign has filed a motion for an injunction against the decision, said campaign manager **Ernie Whiteside**.

"Now more than ever, the party needs to stand behind the principle of rejecting occupational licensure," said Whiteside.

Eugene Flynn, a lawyer from Dallas, will take William's place on the LP ticket.

■ VIRGINIA

LP spokesman debates sales tax hike on radio

The vice chair of the Peninsula Libertarian Club used a talk radio debate to blast a regional sales-tax referendum intended to finance transportation improvements.

On August 15, **Sanford Pankin** appeared on the Tony Macrini Show on Norfolk's WNIS radio to criticize a proposal that would raise the sales tax from 4.5% to 5.5%. If passed by voters in November, the referendum would pay for road construction.

Pankin, the president of a group called the Coalition Opposing Sales Tax for Transportation, faced state Senator **Marty Williams** on the one-hour program. Williams, a Republican from Newport News, is the chief architect of the referendum.

In the debate, Pankin said road work would be better financed with users fees and toll charges.

"I think the debate went very well," said Pankin. "I've gotten a lot of feedback from people, and it's been very positive overall."

■ WASHINGTON

Candidate vows to give back one-third of salary

When Libertarian candidate **Cary Thomas** says he's running for office to "give back" to the community, he means it literally.

On August 18, Thomas, a candidate for state representative in the twenty-fourth district, pledged to donate 33% — or approximately \$11,000 — of his legislative salary to charitable organizations if elected.

"Giving back some of what the government takes from taxpayers seems the least a part-time public employee can do," he said.

Thomas said he made the pledge after reading a study that said the average Washington resident pays 35.6% of their income in taxes.

"Many families, with children, have to budget for an entire year with only \$32,000 in income," he said. "I'm not married, nor do I have children, so I can manage with less."

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THE REVIEW

The Heart of libertarianism

■ *Restoring the Heart of America*, by Clyde Cleveland and Ed Noyes. 381 pages, softbound. BetterBooks. \$20.00. Available at: www.ClevelandforGovernor.org.

Reviewed by Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

My problem with libertarianism is that it puts capitalist greed over the need to protect our environment."

How often have we Libertarians heard this complaint, or some variation of it? To many skeptics of the free society, the concept of free-market environmentalism is utterly foreign.

Fortunately, the harmonious relationship between economic vitality and environmental preservation may soon become more widely recognized, thanks to a new book by two Iowa Libertarians.

The Libertarians: Iowa LP gubernatorial candidate Clyde Cleveland and LP attorney general candidate Ed Noyes. The book: *Restoring the Heart of America*.

Published in May, the book can best be described as a blueprint for a society based on "the laws of nature and of nature's God," as Cleveland himself explains. Throughout the work, the authors persuasively show how a society organized in a "bottom-up" fashion — as opposed to a "top-down" model — is best equipped to deal with social problems commonly believed to require "collective action."

"We are in the midst of a worldwide battle — on and below the surface — between forces that believe in top-down, command-and-control management of society and those who believe in the principles of bottom-up management, freedom, and individual sovereignty," writes Cleveland.

A number of chapters in the book were penned solely by Cleveland, the Iowa LP's top-of-ticket candidate in the 2002 elections. The 53-year old businessman is an unusual breed of politician: Part successful venture capitalist and part impassioned conservationist, but all Libertarian.

A former member of the Socialist Party, Cleveland writes about how he eventually came to view all forms of collectivism as an "incredibly deceptive scheme enabling some of the most powerful people on the planet to increase their power and wealth."

From there, the man who in 1986 was named the "First Socially Conscious Venture Capitalist" lays out the theoretical foundations of the libertarian society — principles of governance that date back to the tribes of Israel and the Anglo-Saxons.

The next section of the book ticks off proposals on all the major issues facing Iowa, although they are applicable to the federal level (and in other states) as well. Specific suggestions include phasing out the state income tax in five years, shifting Iowa's primary source of energy from coal to cleaner sources, reforming the state's education system, and emphasizing "restorative justice."

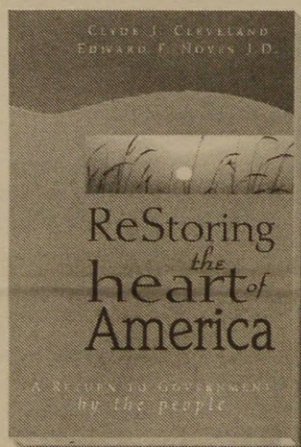
In this last area, Noyes blasts the failed War on Drugs, mandatory minimum sentences, and "demagoguery" in the political system.

"Whenever a politician promises to solve a problem, whether it is an individual's problem or the community's, we should stop and ask ourselves if we are about to improperly delegate away our own duties and responsibilities," he writes.

Interestingly, an entire chapter is devoted to addressing the "10 core values" of the Green Party — the Greens' "Statement of Principles" — and how Libertarian solutions can achieve environmental and social goals without resorting to coercion.

The book ends with a call for the reader to get actively involved in creating a more libertarian society by electing Libertarian candidates to all levels of government, and by taking local action.

The biggest concern I have with the 381-page tome is its length. I think some of the more detailed chapters — such as the ones on biotechnology and hard-money — could have been edited much tighter. But overall, *Restoring the Heart of America* is a significant achievement of scholarship and political vision, and may be the perfect answer to those who claim that "capitalist greed" and environmental protection are mutually exclusive values.



James Dan faces déjà vu race in Nevada state assembly campaign

Nevada Libertarian James Dan's campaign for a seat in the state assembly is evoking a sense of déjà vu.

In the District 28 Democratic primary election on September 3, six-term incumbent Assemblywoman Vonne Chowning squeaked by opponent Moises Dennis by a vote of 52.7% to 47.3%.

Consequently, Dan, 50, will again face Chowning in the November election, mirroring a race two years ago when the Libertarian won a surprising 45.3% of the vote in a two-way contest.

It was the best showing for any LP legislative candidate in 2000, and the highest vote percentage for any third-party Assembly candidate in Nevada since the 1910s, according to *Ballot Access News* publisher Richard Winger.

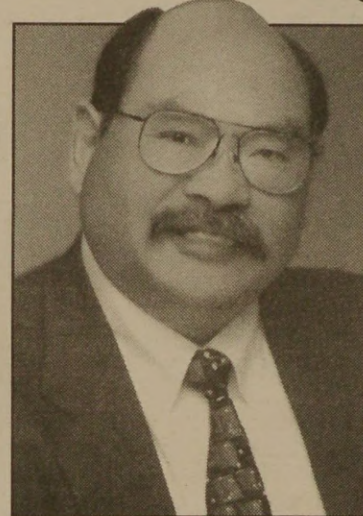
Bitter primary

This year, Dan said the bitter primary battle between the Democrats may work to his advantage.

"[Chowning's] opponent was campaigning aggressively against her, and I think it's going to be difficult for Democrats to close ranks," he said.

Dan said he plans to talk to several Democratic leaders who opposed Chowning in the primary in the restructured — but still Democrat-dominated — district.

"It may be asking too much of them to vote for a Libertarian, but



■ **James Dan: "My opponent will probably be more aggressive this year since she knows I almost won last time, so I'm not taking anything for granted."**

perhaps they will agree to at least sit out the election," he said.

The primary results came in the midst of a spate of favorable press coverage for Dan's campaign in local newspapers, including the *Las Vegas Sun*, the *Las Vegas Review Journal*, and the *Las Vegas City Life*.

Dan has already raised about \$45,000 for his campaign, but said it is "crucial" for Libertarians across the country to continue making donations.

"My money has to come from Libertarians all over the country, and not

special interests," he said. "Once you take [special interest] money, you've been bought."

As election day gets closer, Dan said he will continue to canvass the district with volunteers to meet as many of the 10,800 registered voters as possible, send out several more promotional mailings, and organize an effective get-out-the-vote effort to put him over the top.

More aggressive

"I think the campaign is going fairly well so far, but I can't become complacent," he said. "My opponent will probably be more aggressive this year since she knows I almost won last time, so I'm not taking anything for granted."

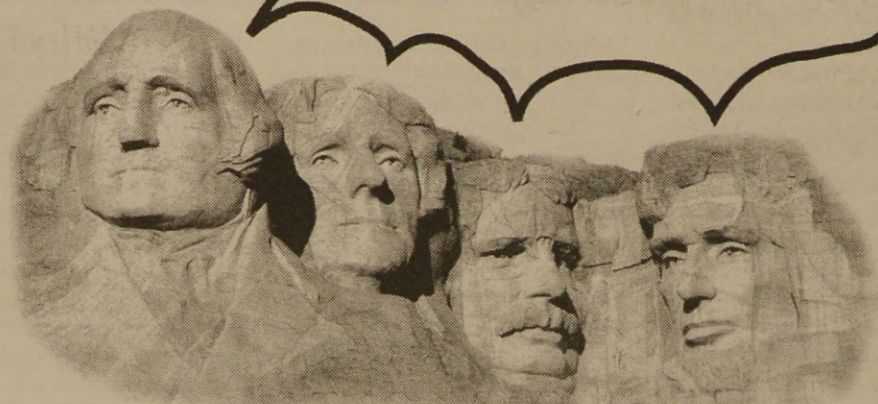
When talking to voters, Dan is promising that if elected, he will work to reduce the state's vehicle registration fee, stop the state from using tobacco settlement money to fund education, and end state subsidies to the arts for "rich folks."

Dan is an engineer and the owner of a web-hosting business. A member of the Libertarian Party since 1990, he ran his first campaign for state assembly in 1992.

For more information, or to make a contribution to the James Dan for State Assembly campaign, visit: www.JamesDan.com.

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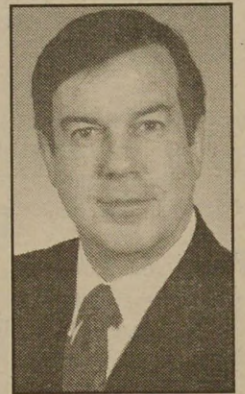
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President Bush: A fiscal responsibility joke?

President Bush's refusal to spend \$5.1 billion approved by Congress is such a weak-kneed attempt at fiscal responsibility that Libertarians don't know whether to laugh or cry.

"Was President Bush joking when he claimed he was practicing 'fiscal restraint' by preventing one more drop of water from falling into the ocean of federal spending?" asked Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party executive director.

"If so, America should laugh right along with him. But if not, it's time to start crying, because the economy may never recover from the big-spending Republicans and Democrats."

At the White House economic forum in mid-August, Bush announced that he was sending a message to Congress that "a limited and focused government is essential to a growing economy."

That message consisted of blocking a \$5.1 billion amendment to a \$28.9 billion anti-terrorism bill.

But the idea that the president performed a heroic feat by rejecting the microscopic amount of money is ridiculous, Libertarians say.

"If Bush is so concerned with frugal government, why did he sign the first \$2 trillion federal budget in history?" Dasbach asked. "And why hasn't he vetoed a single appropriations bill since he took office?"

"For example, the \$200 billion farm bill that he so signed so enthusiastically was 40 times as large as the amount he just rejected. Vetoing that would have been a much more genuine example of fiscal responsibility than rejecting a paltry \$5 billion."

Slavery reparations and racial tension

A renewed demand by African-Americans for slavery reparations should be rejected because such payments would only increase racial hostility, Libertarians say.

"The battle cry for reparations has more to do with the color green than with the colors black and white," said Steve Dasbach. "Forcing people who had nothing to do with slavery to pay others who were never enslaved will only exacerbate racial tension in America."

The issue of slavery reparations was thrust back into the public limelight again in late August as nearly 3,000 African-Americans rallied on the Mall in Washington, DC, to demand monetary compensation for slavery and decades of racial discrimination.

Featured speakers at the event included U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), who has introduced legislation to study the reparations issue. But that approach will deepen the racial divide, Libertarians say.

"Millions of white Americans who have no reason to dislike blacks may find one the moment they're forced to pay a race tax," Dasbach said. "The only people who will benefit will be the pandering politicians who get to dole out the money — as race relations get worse."

"Besides, decades of other race-conscious government programs, such as minority set-asides and hiring quotas, have actually expanded the racial divide. Instead of learning from those failures, politicians seem determined to create more of them."

How about subpoenaing political crooks?

Congress should prove that calling Martha Stewart to testify about her financial activities isn't just a cheap publicity stunt, Libertarians say, by requiring Dick Cheney, Terry McAuliffe, and other politicians to testify as well.

"Politicians who want full disclosure from Martha Stewart seem to have a 'don't ask, don't tell' policy about their own financial shenanigans," said Steve Dasbach. "But if the government is so concerned, why single out corporate crooks and leave the political crooks alone?"

Annoyed that Stewart has been "less than forthcoming" about details of her stock transactions in pharmaceutical company ImClone, Congress is threatening to subpoena the celebrity homemaker. Stewart is suspected of illegally dumping shares before their value plummeted.

"This raises a troubling question: Why do powerful politicians seem to be immune from prosecution?" asked Dasbach. For example:

■ Vice President Dick Cheney, former CEO of Halliburton Co., made \$18.5 million in August 2000 when he sold his shares of company stock for \$52 each. Sixty days later, ordinary investors were surprised by dire warnings of poor earnings.

■ Terry McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, reaped an \$18 million profit in 1999 on an investment of \$100,000 in telecommunications company Global Crossing. The company has since gone bankrupt.

It's typical, said Dasbach: "Politicians compel a celebrity like Martha Stewart to appear before a Congressional panel, while the political crooks stay fat, happy, and free to run for re-election."

Illinois LP files lawsuit against GOP for attack on ballot access

Class-action lawsuit seeks \$1 million for Constitutional violations

The Illinois Libertarian Party has filed a \$1 million class-action lawsuit against the state's Republican establishment, charging that the GOP violated its Constitutional rights by trying to kick LP candidates off the ballot.

The suit, filed on August 29 in Cook County Circuit Court, targets Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Ryan, the Illinois Republican Party, two local Republican officials, and "unknown co-conspirators."

Illinois LP attorney Andrew Spiegel said the suit is meant to send a powerful message to the state's political elite.

"It's time for the courts to rule in favor of freedom of choice rather than coercion by the political power parties," he said.

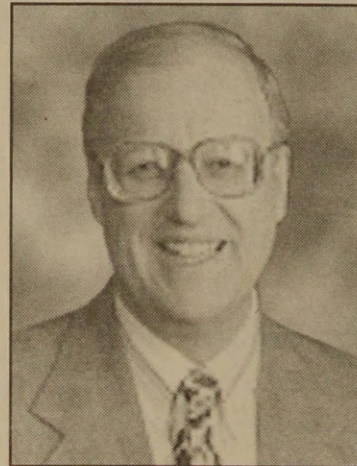
The lawsuit is a response to a challenge filed on July 1 by Republican Party officials that questioned the validity of Libertarian petition signatures.

More than enough

That challenge sputtered to a halt in July when the state Republican Party acknowledged that Libertarians had gathered more than enough signatures to qualify its statewide candidates for the November ballot.

At the time, Libertarians had validated 32,000 signatures — far more than the 25,000 required to earn ballot status.

The lawsuit seeks to recover the \$500,000 the LP said was spent by local governments across the state to verify signatures. The LP requested that the money be paid directly to



■ Illinois LP gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner: The state LP filed a lawsuit after Republicans failed in their attempt to kick him and other statewide candidates off the ballot.

local governments.

In addition, the party seeks to recover about \$500,000 in damages for its own expenses, and for Constitutional rights violations.

LP State Chair Austin Hough said the Republican ballot access objections "stunk from the beginning."

"They maliciously prosecute[d] Libertarian [gubernatorial candidate] Cal Skinner, who filed over 52,000 signatures, but did not object to another candidate who filed a single signature, and is now running as an independent candidate for governor," he noted.

Republicans filed the challenge even though they knew it had no realistic chance to succeed, said Hough.

In June, the Illinois LP filed over 52,000 signatures for its 2002 slate of candidates — more than double the requirement of 25,000 — but Republican officials objected to more than 28,000 of those signatures.

The Republicans claimed that Libertarian circulators were not present when signatures were notarized; that two petitioners moved during the petition drive, which changed their voter registration status; that abbreviations had wrongly been used for towns, counties, or streets; and that circulators may have forged certain petition signatures.

After Libertarians proved they had collected enough signatures, the state's Board of Elections ruled 8-0 in the Libertarian Party's favor on July 30.

Excellent chance

LP Vice Chair of Communications Mike Ginsberg said the LP has an "excellent" chance to win the suit.

"There is a precedent in this case in which two objectors were ordered to pay \$200,000 each to the plaintiff for a frivolous objection," he said. "We are very confident we have a solid case here."

A press conference announcing the suit on August 30 was covered by eight Chicago-area media outlets, including WBBM AM radio, *Crain's Chicago Business Weekly*, the *Northwest Herald*, and the 55-station Illinois Radio Network.

If any LP statewide candidate obtains 5% of the vote, the party will achieve "major party" status and automatic ballot access in 2004.

Arkansas LP loses ballot access lawsuit, but moves forward on anti-tax initiative

The Arkansas Libertarian Party has lost a lawsuit to place candidates on the 2002 ballot — but has passed another milestone in its quest to eliminate the state's food and medicine tax.

On August 2, a district court judge in Little Rock ruled that the 10,300 ballot access signatures filed by the LP did not meet the requirement for "unrecognized parties."

The LP had charged in its lawsuit that the 21,000-signature requirement was unconstitutional, because it takes only 10,000 signatures to qualify an independent candidate for the ballot.

While the judge agreed the discrepancy was unjustified, he also said the LP had not submitted the required number of valid signatures.

The Arkansas LP had filed 10,300

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"I'm disappointed the judge didn't act to strike down the law, even though we fell short of the signature requirement," he said. "But I'm not really shocked."

Sept. 6 deadline

Although the party has filed an appeal with the Eighth Circuit Court, said Langguth, a decision was not rendered before the ballot-printing deadline on September 6.

On a more positive note, Langguth said it is very likely the party will succeed in its effort to qualify a statewide ballot initiative that would "eliminate and forever prohibit" a state tax on food and medicine.

If approved, the measure would save Arkansas taxpayers as much as

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signatures, but the secretary of state ruled that 460 of those signatures had not been properly notarized. Since that meant the LP fell short of even the lower requirement, the judge dismissed the case, said LP State Chair

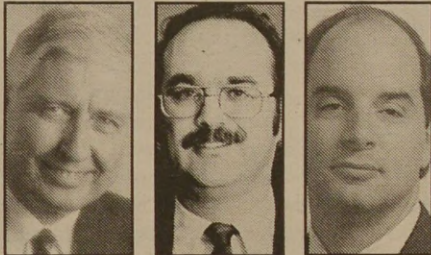

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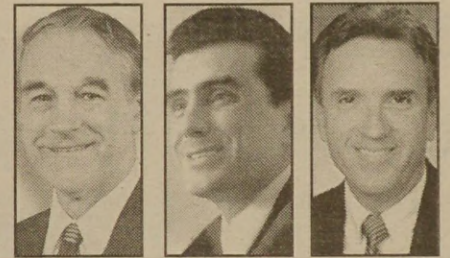
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Cal Skinner hits crucial 5% threshold in independent poll of Illinois voters

LP gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner has the support of 5% of Illinois voters, according to a newly released poll — qualifying him to participate in a fall debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters (LWV).

Skinner, the former eight-term Republican state legislator turned Libertarian firebrand, hit the 5% mark in a survey published in the *Daily Southtown* on September 8.

Conducted by Scott Rasmussen Public Opinion Research, the poll surveyed 1,000 likely voters and had a margin of error of 3.1%.

The outcome of the poll is significant because the LWV had earlier promised to invite Skinner to its debate if he reached the 5% threshold in an independent poll. That debate is expected to take place in early October.

Critical milestone

LP Communications Vice Chair Mike Ginsberg said the poll showed the campaign had reached a "critical milestone."

"[This poll] is really great news," he said. "Our next step will be to contact the League of Women Voters and



hold them to their promise. We have no reason to think that they won't follow through."

Democratic candidate Rod Blagojevich received 52% in the survey, with Republican candidate Jim Ryan garnering 35%. "Undecided" and "other" voters accounted for 8% of respondents.

Although he is polling well behind his opponents, Skinner said he is confident that voters will eventually realize the similarity between the two "power-party" candidates.

"They're both big-government candidates," he said. "I'm the only one who wants to rein in the spending and cut the pork. If you want reform, I'm your guy."

The positive poll result comes on the heels of a major LP media blitz, in which the party ran advertisements on radio stations across the state to boost Skinner's name recognition.

The party began running the ads on the 60-station Illinois Radio Network outside of the metropolitan Chicago area in early August, touting such Skinner proposals as raising the state speed limit, and making the state's toll roads into freeways.

One ad blasted both Democrats and Republicans for raising cigarette taxes, saying, "I'm smokin' mad—and this year I'm voting Libertarian."

About two weeks later, the party ran 15-second and 60-second ads on the top two news radio stations in Chicago, as well as the top country music station.

Good investment

Overall, it appears that the \$50,000 to \$60,000 spent on the ads was a good investment, said Ginsberg.

"We needed to boost Cal's name recognition across the state so he could meet the criteria to get into the debate, and it looks like our efforts paid off," he said.

Skinner has also appeared on WBBM radio in Chicago and the Chicago ABC affiliate, and was described in a *Chicago Tribune* op-ed article as a "pol who doesn't duck or dodge."

The stage is being set for a dramatic



Cal Skinner: "I'm the only one who wants to rein in the spending and cut the pork. If you want reform, I'm your guy."

come-from-behind victory, said Skinner.

"We're polling as well as [Minnesota Governor] Jesse Ventura was at this time in 1998," he said. "As soon as he got on television and delivered his message directly to voters, his numbers skyrocketed. That's what we're going to do in Illinois."

For more information, visit: www.skinnerforgovernor.com.

Biff Baker gets sued

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source basis. Federal law requires most contracts to be awarded on a competitive-bidding basis.

Federal law also prohibits retired military officers from soliciting business from their former commands. Before retiring, Garner had been the head of the Space and Missile Defense Command outside Washington, DC.

Baker reported the apparent violations to the Missile Defense Agency headquarters and to a high-ranking officer in the agency. Shortly after, he was fired from his job with COLSA Corporation.

Investigation ongoing

After Baker's charges were publicized in the *Colorado Springs Independent* newspaper, the *Boulder Weekly*, and *LP News* [September 2002], the U.S. General Accounting Office and the Defense Department's Office of the Inspector General launched investigations into his allegations. The Inspector General's investigation is ongoing.

Baker suggested that SY Technology's lawsuit may be an attempt to silence him.

"I have been fired, blacklisted, [and] received death threats," he said. "Now, I am the subject of a multimillion dollar lawsuit. SY Tech hopes to drain my resources."

For more information about his campaign for U.S. House, visit: www.biff1.org. Or write: Biff Baker 2002, 6660 Delmonico Drive, Suite D #408, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Arkansas LP works to repeal state food tax

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\$200 million per year.

In July, the LP turned in over 86,000 signatures to the secretary of state in Little Rock. About 70,600 signatures were required to place the measure on the November ballot.

Since then, anti-tax activists turned in an additional 22,000-plus signatures to the secretary of state's office, said Langguth. This brings the total number of signatures to over 108,600.

Langguth said he expects the secretary of state to certify the initiative in mid-September, at which point special-interest groups who benefit from the tax will likely file a lawsuit to have it struck from the ballot.

To counter this, the party has hired a lawyer — and if he succeeds in thwarting the expected legal challenge, there is an excellent chance the initiative will pass, said Langguth.

"If the initiative is on the ballot, I'm very optimistic that it will be passed by the voters in November," he said.

"Even if we didn't run any advertisements for it at all, I still think it would probably pass."

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POLITICS 2002

Eating curds and bestselling candidates

■ In Oklahoma, the Oklahoma County LP changed its name to the Central Oklahoma LP and elected **Clark Duffe** as its new Chairman. In Louisiana, **Charles Sallier** has been elected new State Chair. In Idaho, **Tami Anderson** was elected Chair of the central committee of the Ada County LP. In Colorado, **Bo Shaffer** was elected Chair of the Boulder County LP. In Missouri, **Daniel Smith** was elected Chair of the St. Louis City LP.

■ In Connecticut, **Walter Glengarely** has announced he will run for U.S. House (5th District). In Idaho, **Dan Gookin** is running for State Senate (District 4). Gookin is the bestselling author of the original *DOS for Dummies* book. Also running in Idaho is **Andy Jolliff** for State House. In Kentucky, a slate of 11 LP candidates are running for the Louisville Metro Council: **Donna Walker Mancini** (mayor), **Rick Hogue** (District 2 seat), **Peter McGrath** (District 6), **George Dick** (District 9), **Nick Karem** (District 11), **Claude Bohn** (District 14), **Sam Cox** (District 18), **George Baumler** (District 20), **Terry Gray** (District 21), **Tony Kuebler** (District 22), and **Mike Waddell** (District 23). In Indiana, **Donald Heichel II** has announced he will run for LaPorte County Council (District 4).

■ **Campaign news:** In Wisconsin, gubernatorial candidate **Ed Thompson** won the annual cheese curd eating contest in the village of Little Chute in July. The LP hopeful ate a half-pound of curds a full minute faster than the three-time defending champion. "I was in it to win, just like in this governor's race," explained Thompson. In Arizona, two candidates for the LP gubernatorial nomination — **Barry Hess** and **Gary Fallon** — declined to participate in a non-televised League of Women's Voters (LWV) debate. The LWV had scheduled back-to-back televised debates for the Republican and Democratic contenders on August 25, but wanted the Libertarians to debate in a Scottsdale library on August 5 with no TV coverage. "It's blatantly unfair and unequal," said Hess.

■ In Colorado, **Elizabeth Bennett** won the Ptak Award as the Colorado Libertarian of the Year on August 17. In Nebraska, **Jerry Kosch** is a candidate for the Butler County Board of Supervisors, while **Klaus Lindner** is running in a nonpartisan race for La Vista City Council. In Virginia, the American Liberty Foundation announced that Massachusetts LP State Chair **Eli Israel** would serve as chair of its board of directors. In Indiana, voters in Marion County will find 43 Libertarian candidates for office on the ballot this November — a new state record for LP candidates in one county. In

Montana, **Lary Chezem** is running for Flathead County sheriff. In Illinois, U.S. House (District 9) candidate **Stephanie Sailor** is offering professionally designed downloadable advertisements in .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat) for other LP candidates to use. See them at: www.SailorVsTheMachine.com.

■ **Miscellaneous:** LP Executive Director **Steve Dasbach** appeared on *Crossfire* on August 27 to debate Dan Glickman, former Agriculture Secretary on the topic of the federal government's food pyramid. In Massachusetts, the Committee for Small Government's (CSG) initiative to end the state income tax now has the support of 40% of voters, according to the *Boston Globe* (August 29). "40% already! We're jazzed!" said CSG spokesman **Michael Cloud**. In Tennessee, **Heather Scott** was sworn in as a County Commissioner of Wilson County on September 3. In Alabama, gubernatorial candidate **John Sophocleus** won 24% of the vote in an unscientific poll on the Vote Alabama website (www.voteal.org) in late August. The Libertarian finished third, only 5% behind the Republican candidate. In Texas, gubernatorial candidate **Jeff Daiell** is scheduled to speak to the Society of Professional Journalists in Houston on September 25.

■ In 2004 campaign news, California's **Dave Hollist**, who announced he is again seeking the LP's presidential nomination, spoke to Libertarians in Clark County, Washington to tout his campaign. He also met with Libertarians in Multnomah County, Oregon about his signature issue, "contract insurance." This is Hollist's second bid for the nomination; in 2000, he won the support of 1% of the delegates.

■ **U.K. News:** In an August 23 report on the opening of a new Museum of Sex in New York City, England's BBC News said the new venture (dubbed "MoSex") was still relevant despite "recent efforts to clean up New York's libertarian image." Hmm. High taxes, myriad petty laws, and a huge bureaucracy — which part of that makes the British think the Big Apple is "libertarian"?



■ **Elizabeth Bennett:** Libertarian of year.

CAMPAIGN 2002 REPORT

Cameron DeJong hopes third time is charm in Beaufort Co. (NC) race

The 22-year-old candidate finds his best support from older voters

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

The third time's a charm — at least, that's what North Carolina Libertarian Cameron DeJong is hoping.

After two unsuccessful attempts to gain a seat on the Beaufort County Commission, the 22-year-old LP activist says that this time he knows what it takes to win.

"A number of citizens encouraged me to run again, based on the impact I had in the last election," said DeJong. "I feel like I've learned a lot from the last campaign and I'm set to make a big improvement."

After joining the LP in 1997, DeJong got his political feet wet by putting his name up for a seat on the seven-member, partisan commission in 1998. He then ran an active campaign in 2000, and was narrowly defeated by less than 400 votes.

Visible contender

This year, DeJong has crafted a campaign plan that aims to make him a visible contender in an effort to garner support from a significant portion of the county's 27,000 registered voters.

The young freedom-fighter is already placing color advertisements in the local daily and weekly newspapers, and is planning on running radio advertisements.

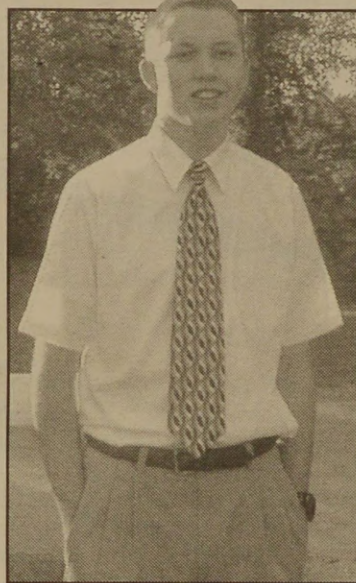
Moreover, the county — which is located in the east-central portion of the state and is divided in half by the Pamlico River — is being plastered with yard signs and flyers for the campaign, said DeJong.

"I've personally met with a number of business owners to solicit support for my campaign," he said. "Many of them were very receptive to my libertarian message, and have agreed to display signs to advertise my candidacy."

Given his age, some might speculate that DeJong will focus on garnering support from other young people. However, the 2002 graduate of Elon University is taking exactly the opposite approach.

DeJong said he has found that "seasoned citizens" have typically been more willing to listen to his ideas, and are more likely to take him seriously than other members of Generation X.

"When I speak to older citizens, they are usually impressed to see a young person who is serious about politics and has good ideas," he said. "Most young people are pretty apathetic when it comes to politics, so I



■ **Cameron DeJong, 22, said his youth is an asset. "When I speak to older citizens, they are usually impressed to see a young person who is serious about politics and has good ideas," he said.**

think it's a refreshing experience for older voters."

DeJong is also pioneering an innovative campaign strategy: A campaign internship program.

By advertising his campaign on the popular website Yahoo!, DeJong has been able to recruit several students from across America — and across the world — to work on his campaign. Currently, DeJong said two Italian students are living in his home in exchange for their campaign efforts.

College credit

There's more: DeJong doesn't pay these new recruits any money. He offers them only college credit.

In return, interns are charged with such tasks as scheduling candidate speaking engagements at churches and local clubs, creating signs and campaign advertisements, and developing a relationship with local media outlets.

"I definitely think the program is innovative, and is working out well," he said. "The major expense is advertising on the Internet for the positions, but I figure that an investment of a few hundred dollars is well worth what I'm getting back."

The main issue that DeJong is touting in his campaign is significantly cutting property taxes, which have skyrocketed by an average of 10% following a recent re-evaluation. He would also call for an investigation into the process, which he said uses a skewed assessment system.

Furthermore, DeJong said he wants to reduce the county's \$41 million budget by privatizing certain government-funded services like a \$2 million county rest home, and ending government funding to other "private" organizations like a local youth club.

Although six other candidates — three Democrats and three Republicans — are competing for the three open seats on the board this year, DeJong said his chance for success is far greater than in the past.

Optimism and caution

However, he is wary about promising victory, choosing instead to temper his optimism with some cautious words.

"I feel like I practically promised victory in 2000, and I don't want to make the same mistake again," he said. "But I do feel comfortable saying that the campaign is going very well so far, and we're working hard to pull this thing off."

DeJong graduated from Elon University just outside of Greensboro in May 2000 with a degree in political science. He is also a graduate of the Leadership Institute in Wilmington, North Carolina, a prestigious political-training school.

In addition, DeJong was the recipient of two awards from the Libertarian Party of North Carolina at the state convention in 2002, including "Most Outspoken for Liberty" and "Most Valued County Activist."

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Georgia Libertarians help squash the SPLOST

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vote against the measure, said King.

Joining King in the anti-tax effort were Mark Mosley (candidate for State House, District 82), Leo Baca (State House, District 84, post #1), and Doug Craig (State House, District 84, post #2).

The Libertarians' stealth lobbying-while-campaigning strategy caught pro-tax opponents by surprise, said Craig.

"I think Libertarians came in under their radar and persuaded voters that it is more important that they

keep their hard-earned money and decide how it should be spent — on things like children, family, education, or better health care," he said.

Libertarians also learned that the faltering economy was the reason why many voters decided to reject the SPLOST, said Craig.

"We're in an economic downturn right now," he said. "People are losing their jobs; they're worried about their homes and families.

**"LIBERTARIANS
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keep their money."
— Doug Craig**

"This is the wrong time for local governments to try to raise almost a quarter-billion dollars in new taxes. Now is the time for government officials at all levels to tighten their belts and practice the kind of fiscal responsibility we have to exercise in our own family budgets."

The sales tax increase would have funded road improvement projects in Clayton County and paid for a new senior center in the Jonesboro area.

But Craig said the county could raise the money for any needed road work by selling property owned by the county government.

"Sell the airport"

"Clayton County owns The Beach [water park] in Jonesboro," he said. "If [they] need extra money, sell The Beach. Clayton County owns an airport in Henry County. If [they] need extra money, sell the airport."

Clayton County is located outside metropolitan Atlanta, and includes the towns of Jonesboro, Riverdale, Forest Park, and Morrow.

Bill Masters joins new anti-Drug War organization

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Against the War, LEAP advocates a system of "government regulation [of drugs] over one of prohibition, to lower the prevalence of crime, disease, death, and addiction," he said.

The fledgling organization has four goals, said Cole:

■ To educate the public, the media, and politicians about the failure of current drug policies by presenting "a true picture of the history, causes, and effects of drug abuse and drug-related crime."

■ To create a speakers bureau staffed with former drug warriors who can describe the impact of drug policies on police/community relations, the safety of police and suspects, and police corruption.

■ To restore the public's respect for law enforcement, which "has been diminished by drug prohibition."

■ To reduce the "multitude of harms" resulting from the War on Drugs — by ending drug prohibition.

Post-Drug War era

"This is a relatively new organization, so it remains to be seen how much we will accomplish," said Masters. "But my hope is that we will be able to use it as a vehicle to usher in a new post-Drug War era."

Other members on LEAP's board of directors include Gary E. Johnson, N.M. governor; Patrick Murphy, former commissioner of the New York City Police Department; and Joseph McNamara, former chief of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

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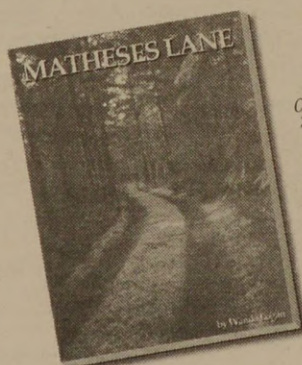
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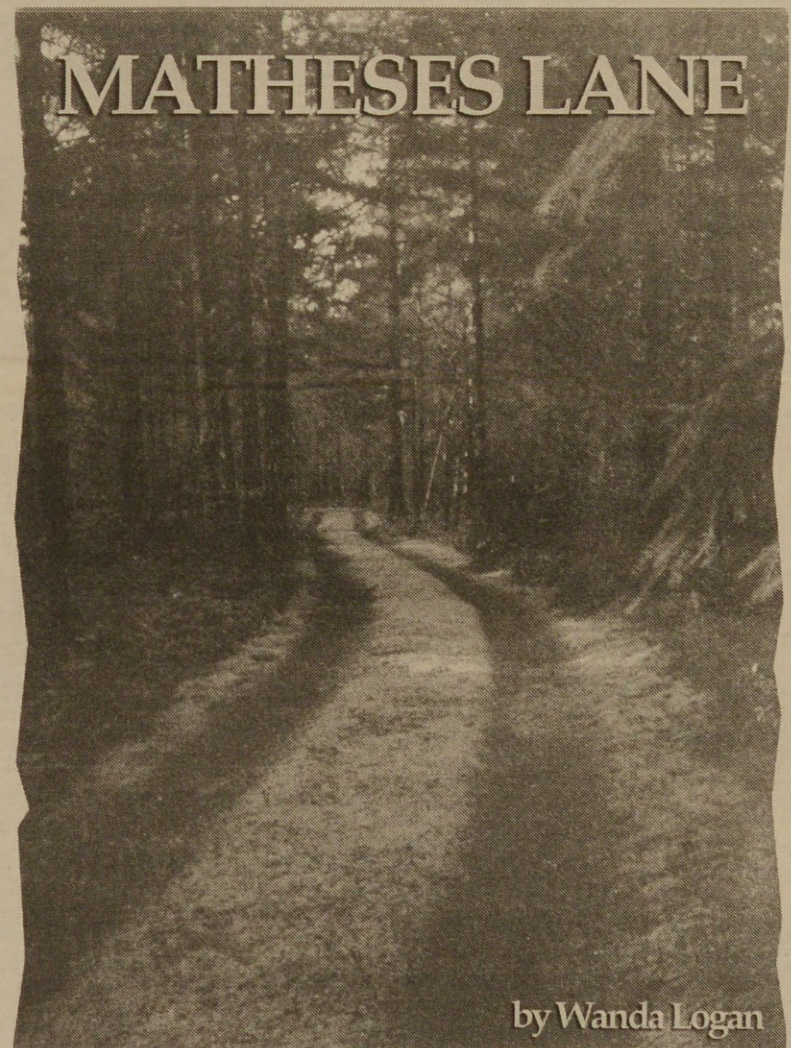
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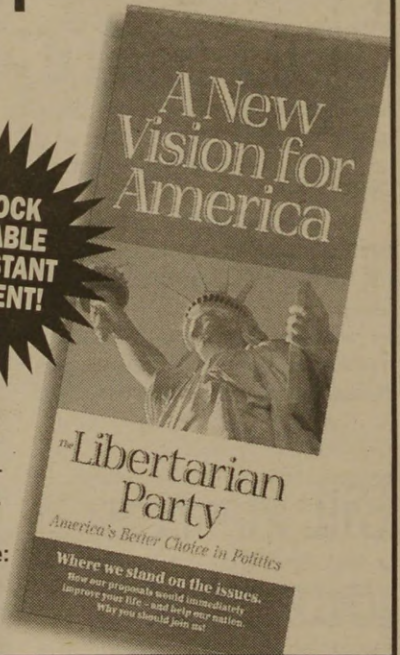
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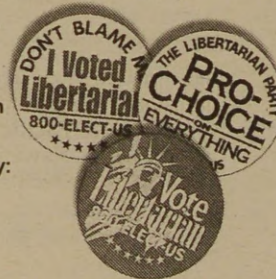
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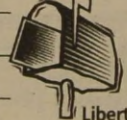
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Lion taming: Get journalists to accurately report your viewpoint

I am frequently asked how to talk to the press and have your point of view be accurately reported. Popular opinion notwithstanding, you can do this, but you need careful preparation and discipline.

The key skill in talking to reporters is to only say what you want them to print. There is no "off the record" — even a well-intentioned reporter can misunderstand you or confuse something.

Plan out the key points you want to convey, and think about what to say for each. Write each down as a sentence and reduce it to its essence. Prepare yourself to say it, and to shape your responses to include your points.

Don't "chat" with reporters — keep your conversation focused and professional, as if you were on camera. Offer to e-mail the reporter your quotes, so they get them exactly. They might try to trip you up — for example, to present another Libertarian's apparently radical statement and try to get you to criticize

it, or to pose an inflammatory dilemma where all answers sound bad. If so, say, "I wouldn't really want to comment without knowing more about it."

One sentence

Know how long a quote from you they will use, and don't give them too much material. A newspaper article will, at most, quote you for a few sentences. An in-depth interview may do more — but media neophytes often become horrified when their 30-minute conversation yields one sentence in print, and it's not what they meant to say. Play it safe and say only what you mean.

Reporters from newspapers work under incredible time pressure. Understand and respect their demanding job. They usually have deadlines in the afternoon, so call in the morning if possible. Make covering you as easy as possible. Be reachable, be

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concise, and be clear.

Realize that the editor may seriously alter a reporter's story.

Newspapers like photos, so always have digital photos ready to go. When being photographed by press, always mind the angle and background and wear a friendly smile.

Reporters are not usually bad people and many of them, especially at local or regional papers, try very hard to be fair.

Don't be afraid to talk to the press. But always remember that talking to reporters is like taming lions. You may like your job. You may like the lion. But it's still a lion, and if you're not paying attention you can lose an arm. So stay alert around the press and keep all your fingers!

About the author: Massachusetts Libertarian David Rostcheck is the executive director of North Bridge Training, an education and training company. This essay reprinted from the July 2002 issue of the Massachusetts Liberty newsletter.

Press releases that do the job

Political Lesson #1: Journalists can't cover you if they don't know about you. The solution: The press release.

Whether you represent a state or local libertarian group, or are running for public office, the press release is the easiest, most efficient way to make sure the media know you exist.

Here's some tips to make your next press release more effective:

■ Before starting to write your press release, think about *exactly* what it is you want to convey. Hone your message.

■ Make sure your topic is important and interesting. Honestly ask yourself: Is it news? Will readers or viewers care about this topic — or does it only interest you?

■ Structure the press release in the "inverted pyramid" form — with the most important information first — so if the paper needs to edit, it cuts the least important details.

■ Make sure your press release answers the basic journalistic questions: Who, what, where, why, when, and how.

■ The first rule in news release writing is: *Be brief!* Avoid adjectives and flowery prose. A news release should never run more than one page.

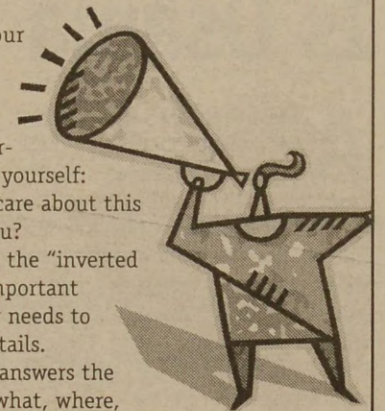
■ Include your name, address, title, phone number, and e-mail address. Make it easy for a journalist to contact you.

■ Make sure your press release gets to the right person. Always include the name of your intended recipient.

■ Make sure your release meets the media deadlines. You may have to send out your releases at different times to meet different deadlines.

■ Before sending the press release, check and double check to make sure all the information — including contact phone number, date, and location — is correct. Make sure names are spelled correctly. Send out an error-free release.

■ **Editor's note:** This essay adapted from the Indianapolis Star.



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Stuart Hayashi,
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THE FORUM

It's time to ask the question: Is Osama bin Laden winning?

Almost everyone has heard the old analogy that if you place a frog in a pan and slowly bring the water to boiling, he will die without trying to jump out. I believe that the people of our great country are in the "pan" with the temperature slowly being raised to "boiling" because of the September 11th attack. I wonder if we will realize our peril before it is too late.

In my recent travels by air, I have seen some small examples of our knee-jerk reaction to the September 11th tragedy.

Resident aliens man our security gates at our airports and enforce ridiculous rules for our "safety." Examples of the extremes: They dusted my deck shoes for bomb powder and disposed of my dangerous mustache scissors with the one-half inch blade. Apparently, unlike many others, I did not feel safer after this type of experience; rather, I really felt violated.

Deadly weapons

There is no screening of this type that would actually stop a suicidal person from getting on an airplane with a variety of deadly weapons if they were trained for the purpose. In all likelihood, the next "terrorist incident" will involve something other than an airplane anyway.

When I boarded an airplane, I did so with the knowledge that our government did not trust the pilots enough to allow them to be armed for possible self-defense of the air-

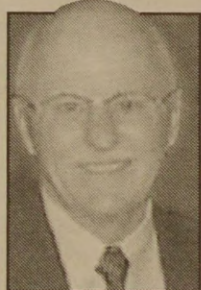
plane while in route. I note also that our government does not trust any citizens enough to allow them any type of personal self-defense.

I also know that the government is aware of a large number of possible foreign terrorists in our country with unknown whereabouts and questionable visas that permitted them to come in.

In recent legislation, our federal government has passed laws that even the most ignorant understand are un-Constitutional. More such laws are in Congress now with a high probability of passage. All of this is being done for our "safety" — while degree by degree they are raising the temperature to the point of death of freedom.

It is time for us to ask questions about the objectives of the madman who decreed the attack on the World Trade Center. What did he hope to accomplish besides killing and mayhem?

Did he anticipate the total disruption of the American way of life? Did he anticipate the enormous costs to the American



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taxpayer? Did he understand that our government would use this incident to grab totalitarian powers outside of the Constitution? Did he think that he could disrupt entire industries and cause the stock market to fall by trillions of dollars?

Do you believe that he thought that he would accomplish the most successful terrorist attack in the history of the world? Do you think that he expected to strike fear into the heart of every American?

Whatever his initial expectations, our actions have handed all of the above to him on a silver platter.

I ask myself if I believe that our actions honor the people who paid

the ultimate price of their lives in the attack?

The answer I keep coming back to is: "No way!"

I keep wondering about our values. Do we trust other American citizens as much as we trust our government? Do we trust other nations and nationalities better than each other? Why do we believe that more laws and restrictions on our personal freedoms are the solution to the failures of our existing laws and governmental bodies that failed to prevent the attack?

A lot more money

Why is the Immigration and Naturalization Service going to be better with a lot more money?

Why do we need an Office of Homeland Defense when we have dozens of agencies already supposed to do that job?

Why would our president ask for our military to be made available for civilian police actions in our own country?

I heard with disbelief a plan for citizens to be recruited to spy on other citizens. Where is our two-party system offering differing viewpoints? (It now seems as both our major par-

ties are intent upon growing our federal government into a police state.)

And perhaps most importantly, will any of these actions actually make us more safe? In reality, I believe not only will we be less "safe" from external attacks, we are greatly expanding the possibility of a future police state from within our own country at some ever-closer future date.

The bottom line of the September 11th attacks on our country is that Osama bin Laden won a far larger victory against the United States of America than he could have possibly imagined. With the scope and magnitude of his success we have virtually assured future attacks and massive losses of American life.

Any madman can now point to all of the actions of our government and can extrapolate future losses of our freedoms at an ever increasing rate with each new attack. Only when or if ever, we as citizens realize that ultimately we are responsible for our own safety will the effect of terrorism be minimized.

Do we face risks? Of course we do. Should our government try to protect us? Absolutely — but only within the bounds of the Constitution!

King George

Our country was founded to allow freedom from fear of the tyrannies of King George of England. We should not allow a madman to cause us fear of tyrannies from President George, or any elected president that may follow him.

As Benjamin Franklin so aptly said, safety cannot be purchased by the loss of freedom!

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The U.S. government, habeas corpus, and 'enemy combatants'

You may well be arrested and held without access to an attorney, without the right to writ of habeas corpus, and without limit of duration by the Bush Administration.

Didn't know that, did you? Well two people already have been, so (at least in theory) you or I could well be next.

Isn't this in violation of the U.S. Constitution? Of course, but our government is an old hand at violating the Constitution; they just take a dog's tail and call it a leg.

(Abraham Lincoln was once asked the question: "Calling a dog's tail a leg, how many legs does a dog have?" Lincoln answered: "Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg." He appears to have been the last U.S. President willing to admit that.)

Let's look at the details: On May 8, 2002 in Chicago, U.S. citizen Jose Padilla was taken into custody as a

witness related to the attack of September 11. Shortly thereafter, the authorities decided he was "an enemy combatant" and moved him to a military base, where he is still being held.

He has not been permitted to see legal counsel (as required by the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America). The Bush Administration contends that anyone classified as an enemy combatant by President George W. Bush is not entitled to legal counsel — and it is fighting judicial review of this decision.

Further, the Bush Administration refuses to abide by an appeals court order requiring that they provide information to the court on Padilla and their reasons for holding him.

They are disregarding a ruling

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from the same Virginia-based federal appeals court that a trial judge has the power to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus (as provided by Article I, section 9 of the United States Constitution). They are also maintaining that both Jose Padilla and Yaser Esam Hamdi, another U.S. citizen they have nabbed as "an enemy combatant," have no such rights.

Refuses to appear

Since the government refuses to appear in open court to present information supporting their detention — even though the Fourth Amendment has been interpreted as requiring this for more than 200 years — we cannot know what, if any, basis they may have for supposing these persons to be "enemy combatants."

In view of the fact that the Bush Administration has also refused to define the term "enemy combatant," and that no generally accepted legal

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definition of this term exists, we can't even know what basis, if any, they might think they need.

So, is there any reason to assume that they won't swoop down and scoop us up next?

Maybe somebody should remind George Bush that he recently swore: "...and will to the best of my ability,

preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." He seems to have had too much champagne at the inaugural ball and forgotten it.

Arbitrary power

Consider the general implications of this new arbitrary federal government power of arrest and detention.

Can one exercise free expression when offending the government might well result in one's immediate and incommunicado arrest?

Can one truly be said to have any liberty at all under these circumstances — since a mere hint that a government having such power will use it against a person is enough to silence all but the bravest or most foolhardy?

■ **About the author:** Jeffery Cross is a Libertarian Party member from Cleveland, Ohio.

New lawsuit targets airport identification rule

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"I felt like I was a rat in a maze," he said. "I was just being harassed unless I followed their orders, which I wouldn't do."

Gilmore then went to the San Francisco airport, where he attempted to buy a ticket from United Airlines. He was again informed he could not fly without showing identification.

After speaking with various security and service representatives, Gilmore said he was told that the only way he could fly without identification was if he became a "selectee."

According to Gilmore, being a selectee means that an individual must undergo "an intense search of one's person and one's bags," including having one's bags searched by hand.

"I wasn't about to let the workers sift through my private property," he said. "That would have been as intrusive as requiring me to show my ID."

After Gilmore refused to show his identification or get searched, he was informed by a security agent that the airport was following security directives from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). However, the security agent said the directives were transmitted orally, and are not available in writing.

The Transportation Security Administration is an agency created after September 11 to regulate airport security and to implement the Aviation and Transportation Security Act. That bill was signed by President Bush in November 2001.

But regardless of who requires the identification, Gilmore said that checking ID cards is not an effective way to deter terrorism.

Exercise in futility

"If we knew who the terrorists were, we could just arrest them all, rather than stopping them when they try to fly," he said. "There are many ways to deter terrorism, but checking IDs against a watch list is not one. It is an exercise in futility that provides a false sense of security."

According to Gilmore's lawsuit, the ID regulation is unconstitutional because it is unpublished; requires government agents to search and seize citizens who are not suspected of crimes; burdens the rights to travel, associate, and petition the government; and discriminates against those who choose anonymity.

"People in the US have a right to travel and associate without being monitored or stopped by their government, unless they are actually suspected or convicted of a crime, and unless that suspicion is reasonable," said Gilmore.

Moreover, Gilmore argued that because the regulations are secret, they

violate the federal Freedom of Information Act.

"History shows that bad laws are seldom fixed until courageous citizens challenge them," he said. "This small lawsuit is such a challenge."

The defendants named in the suit are John Ashcroft, U.S. attorney general; Robert Mueller, FBI director; Norm Mineta, U.S. Department of Transportation secretary; Jane F. Garvey, Federal Aviation Administra-

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tion chief; John W. Magaw, Transportation Security Administration chief; Tom Ridge, Office of Homeland Security chief; United Airlines; and Southwest Airlines.

The lawsuit is *Gilmore v. Ashcroft*.

Although he expects the court proceedings to take over a year, Gilmore said he is confident that he will be successful.

"The courts have shown some positive signs with regard to defend-

ing civil liberties recently, including ruling against secret trials and detaining American citizens," he said.

If he wins, said Gilmore, "I hope that everyone in America will once again be able to travel without being forced to identify themselves."

A self-taught computer programmer, Gilmore was the fifth employee of Sun Microsystems. He is the co-creator of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit organization that defends online civil liberties.

For more information about the lawsuit, visit: <http://cryptome.org/freetotravel.htm>

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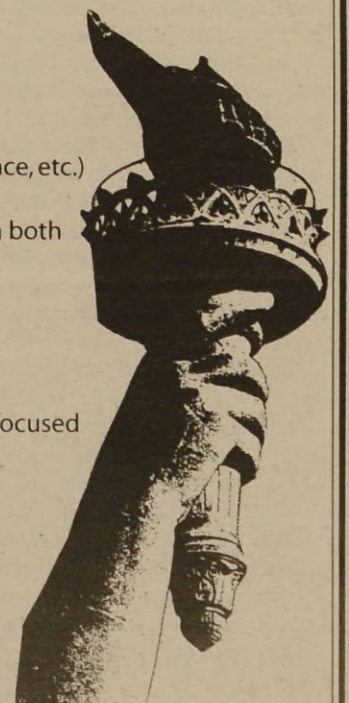
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THE EDITOR

Looking back at nine years in Washington

When I arrived in Washington, DC in June of 1993, freedom was in a cage.

I'm not speaking metaphorically. For the first time in 130 years, federal workers were cleaning the statue of Freedom that sits atop the Capitol Building. The statue was removed by helicopter and placed in the parking lot on Capitol Hill. They surrounded Freedom with a chain-link fence to protect it from tourists.

But people still flocked to it, pressing up against the fence, gawking at Freedom like it was a prisoner in a cage.

"Well, this isn't a good omen," I thought.

I had journeyed to DC — the District of Criminals — after four years as State Chair of the New Hampshire LP. I was taking a job as the national party's first-ever full-time director of communications.

The LP office was in a shabby townhouse on the wrong end of Pennsylvania Avenue. The party couldn't afford a desk for me, so my "desk" was an orange door atop two small filing cabinets. We couldn't afford a laser printer, so Pennsylvania activist Don Ernsberger bought one, and floated the money until the LP could repay him.

In those early days, my duties were a little of everything. I redesigned the party's literature. I answered mail (163 letters in one memorable month). I took address corrections over the phone. I started a monthly news update mailing for State Chairs. I wrote press releases, and did interviews. I designed materials for our "Project Healthy Choice" lobbying effort to fight President Clinton's planned takeover of the health care system. I wrote fundraising letters.

As the years passed, things got better. Membership doubled, then tripled. Staff was added. We moved to a more professional — although by no means luxurious — office in the Watergate building, in a nice neighborhood.

Slowly, we edged into the media spotlight. Instead of getting six or seven calls from journalists every month, there were days we would get that many before lunch.

In late 1997, I took over as editor of *LP News*, and was able to implement improvements I had dreamed about for years. The newspaper doubled in size. We beefed up news coverage of state activities and candidates, and added "The Pulse," so LP members could share their opinions. We ran regular feature articles about the people and groups that make up the libertarian community.

Although there were many nights when I would rush to catch the 12:10 am Metro — the last subway of the night — to get home, I can look back with a sense of accomplishment.

In early 2002, I announced that I would resign as director of communications. It was time to do something new, and move back to New England where my family was.

Although I will be editing the November issue of *LP News* (and helping the next editor through a transition phase), this will be the last "From the Editor" column I write.

So, this is my goodbye. I hope you've enjoyed reading *LP News* each month — and found it informative, entertaining, thought-provoking, and inspiring. If so, I did my job.

But a newspaper is just as good as the news it covers. That's why I owe a debt of thanks to the LP activists and candidates who have done so much good work to make the Libertarian Party successful.

You know the ones I'm talking about. They fought new taxes. They collected signatures to get pro-freedom initiatives on the ballot. They took bad laws to court — and won. They were elected and appointed to public office. And when they stepped forward as candidates, they represented the party with pride, enthusiasm, and dignity.

To all the good people in the Libertarian Party — the ones who spend more time fighting Republicans and Democrats than their fellow Libertarians, and who are inspired by joy, not rage — I say, "Thank you." You made it all worthwhile. (And thanks to my wife Katie, who put up with the long hours and all the aggravation.)

When I left Washington, DC in July of 2002, freedom was in a cage.

Now I am speaking metaphorically. Congress had passed a spate of alarming legislation to "fight terrorism." President Bush was beating the drums for an endless war against terrorism. Cement barriers ringed popular sightseeing locations, like the Washington Monument.

The work goes on.

For those who follow in my footsteps, I wish you well.



By Bill Winter

LP NEWS EDITOR

A free-market response to the 'crisis' of corporate corruption

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, *LP News* will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a more libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

Two executives from WorldCom are arrested as charges swirl that the company fraudulently misclassified \$3.8 billion in capital expenditures.

Congressional investigators threaten to force Martha Stewart to stop dispensing advice about how to cook fluffier mashed potatoes so she can testify about how she cooked up an alleged insider trading scheme.

Enron, the wanted-poster boy for corporate malfeasance, is accused of hiding more than \$1 billion in debt. Its stock plummets, dragging the entire stock market down with it. In December 2001, it files for bankruptcy.

Those are the most vivid snapshots of what some are calling the worst outbreak of corporate scandals since the Great Depression.

Following on the heels of the Hindenburg-style bursting of the tech stock bubble in 2000 and the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, those scandals helped push the stock market into a free fall — costing American investors an estimated \$7 trillion in lost wealth, according to Wilshire Associates.

Gloat about failures

The corporate meltdown proved to be an opportunity for anti-capitalist talking heads to gloat about the "failures" of the free market, and to demand more government oversight.

Senator John McCain (R-AZ) charged that the "string of corporate failures and scandals from Enron to WorldCom" occurred because of lax government regulation.

"It is greed unlimited," scolded Ralph Nader, who amassed a \$3.8 million fortune by investing in the stock market. "You have to have institutional restraints on greed."

"Free-market capitalism is at the very root of the current fiasco in our economy," orated Jock Gill at *Democrats.com*.

Oh really? Do these scandals really prove that capitalism is fundamentally flawed — and that all corporate executives are greedy criminals in Armani suits?

Are they proof that only a powerful government can keep the natural avarice of Big Business in check, and protect the little investor's 401(k) plan from corporate sharks?

They prove nothing of the kind, said Robert Samuelson, financial col-

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umnist for the *Washington Post*.

"For starters, accounting abuses are exaggerated," he noted — since only about 10% of companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index had any questions raised about their accounting practices. In other words, a vast majority of companies behave honestly a vast majority of the time.

And if there are a few bad apples in the corporate world, they pale by comparison to the orchard of fiscal

such as the \$9 trillion owed by Social Security.

Then there's Uncle Sam's accounting failures. For the past five years, the General Accounting Office has been trying to produce a comprehensive financial statement for the federal government, but has been unable to do so because of Washington, DC's chronic "mismeasurement of assets, liabilities and costs," said Edwards.

Pay raise

And let's not get started about the pay raise Congress just gave itself (as the federal budget tumbled into a \$165 billion deficit), "off budget" agencies, and the billions of dollars in projected budget surpluses that vanished faster than a cold gin and tonic in front of Senator Ted Kennedy.

Government bookkeeping "can be considered the greatest set of financial frauds in world history, something that puts the collapse of Enron and WorldCom in better perspective," said William L. Anderson, an adjunct scholar of the Mises Institute.

"These folks [in government] could teach the financial hucksters at Enron a few tricks," agreed Edwards.

However, this doesn't change the fact that there are Enron-style hucksters out there — nor change the reality that Americans want solutions to the "crisis" of corruption.

So, here are some common-sense Libertarian proposals to make future Enrons less likely:

■ End corporate welfare.

Investors who had purchased Enron stock weren't the only ones who bled green when the huge energy company went belly-up. Every American taxpayer lost money.

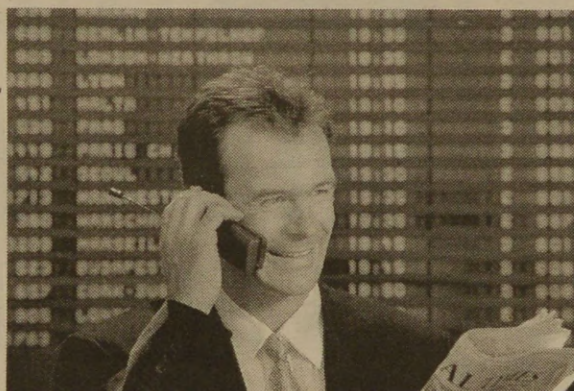
That's because the government's Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation gave Enron \$1 billion in taxpayer's money to build an oil pipeline through a South American rain forest, and to build a power plant in India.

"How many taxpayers knew that their hard-earned income was being channeled into risky energy projects?" asked the Cato Institute's Chris Edwards and Tad DeHaven.

To cite just one more example: The Maritime Administration loaned \$1.1 billion of taxpayer funds to American Classic Voyages to build two cruise ships. When the company went bankrupt in 2001, taxpayers were in the hole for \$200 million.

If Americans want to invest in risky companies, they can do so. But politicians should not be allowed to make that choice for them via corporate welfare handouts.

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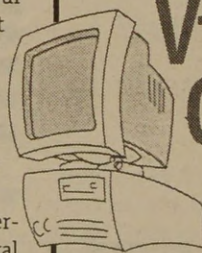
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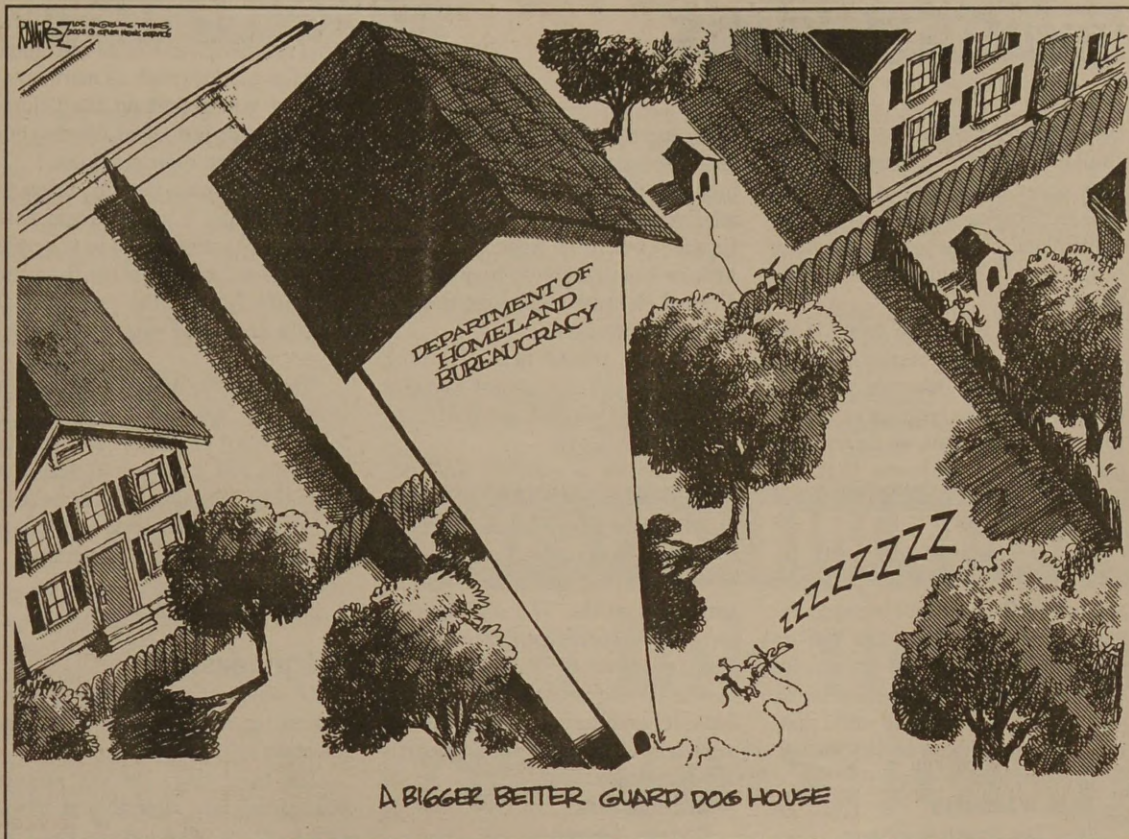
"Companies such as Enron collapsed under piles of hidden debt," wrote Chris Edwards, director of fiscal policy at the Cato Institute. "But the government is creating its own crisis by amassing trillions of dollars of unfunded retirement liabilities" —

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LP News censorship

In reading the August issue of *LP News*, I was struck by the lack of any reference to the current crisis in the USA.

Noting that an estimated \$7 trillion has been lost by the public [because of corporate scandals and declines in the stock market], that retirement plans had to be put on hold, that retirees are forced to go to work in a market which resounds with new layoffs almost daily, that the airlines are going broke and that the cause of that, government officials assure us, is not only possible but likely to recur, I wonder why this issue [of *LP News*] is concerned largely with the War on Drugs — which no reasonable person can expect to go away, as too many people make a good living on it.

One of the principles voiced by "the Party of Principle" before 9/11 is to condemn U.S. foreign wars: Noting the dire results of this folly one would think that this is an opportunity for the LP to point this out. But nothing, no editorials, no letters. It smacks of censorship.

In every crisis there is opportunity; this crisis is an opportunity for the LP to gain following or, in the event of inaction, lose it by becoming "the Party of Principle" where the footnote would equivocate principle.

— LEON KALINIEC
Prescott, Arizona

Editor's note: Over the past year, *LP News* has printed dozens of letters and essays opposing an interventionist foreign policy. Most recently, the September issue included a front-page

essay ["A libertarian reflection on 9/11," by David Boaz] and a *From the Director* column ["Who poses the greater danger to our liberty?" by Steve Dasbach] that addressed this topic. *LP News* has also showcased a vigorous debate over a proper Libertarian response to terrorism. This current issue contains a *Libertarian Solutions* column [page 22] about corporate scandals.

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A bunch of libertines

In his acceptance speech [national LP Chairman], Geoff Neale said we must "move forward." [*LP News*, August 2002] This is a grand idea, yet I wondered: How do we move forward?

We've tried, we've cried, we've prodded, we've poked, yet we remain only a small group, thought of as "libertines" in an enormous America, a few thousand among millions.

How do we move forward? By demonstrating in small, simple ways that we stand for a better America.

How about a truck loaded with groceries to a slum in Washington, DC? Some carloads of blankets to a flooded out town in Minnesota? A gathering to distribute warm clothing to a bunch of homeless?

Let people know that we believe the strength of America lies in the unselfish acts of its people, not in the giveaway programs of self-promoting politicians.

All over our land, Libertarians must come together and do some good for their community — and they must notify the media in advance. Publicity is the only answer with a respectful light shining on our party.

Without it, we will remain a bunch of libertines promoting drug use, and all sorts of other devilry.

— RICHARD ZACHER
Oceanside, California

LP News opinions

In response to the September Pulse Question: Improve *LP News*?

I look forward to receiving *LP News* each month, and immediately sit down to read through it (I'm retired). My favorite part is The MailBox and The Pulse.

A suggestion: Where you report some political misdeed, why not give the miscreant's address, so we can send him a postcard giving him the Libertarian position?

— COLIN F. SEWARDS
Mansfield, Texas

Green alliance?

Much has been said, lately, about combining forces with the Green Party. In earlier years I have heard

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Platform permutations

The LP Platform's new one-sentence summary: *Good*.
The Central Intelligence Agency: *Bad*.
Proportional representative voting: *Good*.
That's the *Reader's Digest* summary of the reaction to this month's unscientific Pulse question.

Our query was simple: At the National Convention in Indianapolis, LP delegates made a number of changes to the party's Platform. They endorsed proportional representative voting. They added a one-sentence summary to all the planks. In a reaction to the September 11 attacks, they deleted the Platform's call to abolish the CIA and NSA.

We asked: What did you think about those changes?
We learned: When *LP News* readers like something, they *really* like it. When they dislike it, they *really* dislike it.

Of those who commented on the one-sentence summary, 100% supported it. Of those who commented on the CIA/NSA change, 100% opposed it. And of those who commented on proportional representation, 100% supported it.

That said, a full 82% of respondents said additional work was needed on the Platform. (But that's a job for the next convention.)

Here is a proportionally representative sample of the responses:

■ I think the new Platform is a definite improvement over the old. I believe that the new "executive summary" for each plank is a long-needed improvement. I am also in favor of a new plank structure that details our position, explains our solutions and gives a progress report on what the LP has done on the issue to date.

— JEREMY CRANFILL, Salt Lake City, Utah

■ The LP Platform needs revisions. I would add: "We call for the abolition of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency." I would delete: "The defense of the country requires that we have adequate intelligence to detect and to counter threats to domestic security."

— JOHN MARTIN, Wetumpka, Alabama

■ The question about mainstream acceptability of the Platform is perennial, and inappropriate. The proper place for the LP is out in front, leading the way — not back in the pack — until this is a free country again. Popular opinion catches up; it would be ridiculous and disgraceful for us to be behind the curve on any issue advancing liberty. The platform has already been far too adulterated by conservatism; let's restore the 1994 version.

— MICHAEL ACREE, San Francisco, California

■ The Election Laws plank endorses an entire class of election methods (proportional representation) for legislative elections, but only a single specific method (instant runoff voting, or IRV) for executive elections. This is unfortunate since IRV is known to be capable of preserving bipartisan systems. The Platform should contain more general language or list additional single-winner methods, including approval voting.

— BART INGLES, San Jose, California

■ The new Platform is an improvement over the old one, but it still needs to be revised to be made more understandable to non-Libertarians. In addition, the plank on unions needs serious rethinking, and an environmental program is conspicuously absent.

— BEN KALAFUT, New Orleans, Louisiana

■ I think that if the one sentence [summary] can make a good sound bite, it might be a good device. I also think that we should only promote the drug stance on college campuses where people aren't so apt to think we're all a bunch of addicts. I know I've heard some radio talk show hosts state that they could back us except we're a bunch of addicts. I'm not; but have always been against the drug war.

— ROBERT WILLCUTT, Kemp, Texas

■ The Platform should be a declaration of our principles and policies. Don't clutter it with summaries, discussions, or other peripheral matter. The LP Platform must reflect a total, uncompromising commitment to core Libertarian principles. Otherwise, we're nothing but a fraud. It is right to call for repeal of the falsely and dishonestly named "Patriot Act." It was *wrong* to delete the Platform's opposition to secret police (FBI, CIA, NSA). Secret police have no role in a free society, but illegitimate governments need them to maintain their power. This is a timeless principle.

— CARL E. VASSAR, Trumbull, Connecticut

■ The abbreviated Platform summary consisting of one line for each plank which was adopted at the convention is a vast improvement. As

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for the other changes in the full Platform, I essentially ignored the whole thing as unbearably boring. Only a handful of zealots read or pay any attention to the platform. The public never sees it and our party's candidates ignore it. I remain astonished that so much delegate time is wasted at conventions on this nonsense. I suggest we just drop the whole thing.

— ARCH WAKEFIELD, Tega Cay, South Carolina

■ Under [the section on] Victimless Crimes: I do not agree with the right to commit suicide. By legalizing suicide, you legalize murder. If a person really commits suicide, no action needs to be taken. If there is a good reason for a right to death, I would like to know what it is. What good is being dead? A person should have a right to his life, but there are no rights in death.

— DONALD KIRCHINGER, Shelby Township, Michigan

■ The question is interesting. Unfortunately, neither the "one-line summary" nor the complete platform was anywhere to be found in the August issue of LP news. Would you consider redoing this question when a copy of the platform is where we can quickly review it?

— RON C. WEST, Haltom City, Texas

■ I don't understand how "The Party of Principle" could rescind its call for the abolishment of the CIA and NSA. Let's set aside the proven fact that these organizations are at best, ineffective, bloated bureaucracies. Let's set aside the fact that they aren't authorized in the Constitution. What makes those "Libertarians" who voted for the platform change think that the agencies will ever operate correctly? Whatever happened to freedom providing the best security?

— IAN BERNARD, Sarasota, Florida

Dec. Question: Falling membership?

The numbers are grim. Over the past two years, the number of dues-paying Libertarian Party members has fallen by about 20% (or by about 7,000 members) What's the cause of this membership meltdown? Theories vary widely. Some suggest it's just natural post-presidential year attrition, coupled with a lack of vigorous outreach efforts. Others blame the September 11 terrorists attacks. "Terrorist Theory A" says people quit because the LP was too pacifistic in its response (and parroted the Left's unpopular "Blame America" line). "Terrorist Theory B" says people quit because the LP was too militaristic in its response (and drifted away from its popular non-foreign interventionist stance). But the theories don't stop there. Some suggest the LP is too "radical" in general; other suggest the LP needs to stress its principles more. Some say we're targeting the wrong potential supporters. Others say we're targeting the right prospects, but the wrong way. And, finally, others say members aren't important, and we shouldn't worry about the decline. What do you think?

■ **QUESTION: Why is Libertarian Party membership falling? And what should be done about it? (Please keep answers to 100 words.)**

■ **DEADLINE:** November 8, 2002

Nov. Question: Green Allies?

Co-operate with the Green Party? It's a horrible idea, said Jack Gardner in last month's MailBox. Why? Because the Greenies are flat-out socialists — and our archenemies. No, it's an excellent idea, counters Jean Allen, also in that MailBox. Why? Because Ralph Nader and his young brigades are passionate — and may be our only allies in the fight for civil liberties. The "Greens: Allies or Enemies?" debate started after Libertarians read an essay by Aaron Day in the Forum [LP News, July]. In it, Day suggested that Libertarians should "embrace the Green Party whenever possible." In fact, he argued, the LP should cheer every Green victory because "anyone who challenges the state of things" is our ally. A Green/Libertarian alliance is crucial, he went on, because the Green Party has "caught the ears of the youth" — and, he said, those young Greens care about "the drug war, abuses of the corporate oligarchy, and the environment. These are Libertarian issues with Libertarian solutions." Is he correct? Or crazy?

■ **QUESTION: Should the Libertarian Party begin to work more closely with the Green Party? Are they really our anti-status quo allies? Why or why not? (Please keep answers to 100 words.)**

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similar suggestions about joining with other minor parties. The purpose in doing so is to give us a larger political voice in hopes that anybody other than a Republicrat might be elected.

But what would we gain? If we combine forces and money with the Green Party and manage to get a Green elected, we have spent our resources on a program we do not support. Or do we suppose that the elected Green will not push the Green Party philosophy?

As a matter of basic honesty, we must stand firmly on our principles and not "soft-pedal" our message. For example, if we believe the War on Drugs is a disaster which violates individual liberty, then we must say so — even if the rest of the world does not agree. Remember Patrick Henry.

No compromise — ever!

— ARCH WAKEFIELD
Tega Cay, South Carolina

■ African-Americans?

It is frequently pointed out at LP functions that there are few, if any, African-Americans present. This often leads to a discussion about attempting to recruit in the African-American community.

In thinking about why there is apparently so little interest in the LP, I recalled some comments in the book *American Exceptionalism* by Seymour Martin Lipset.

Mr. Lipset argues that the two dominant themes in American political culture are individualism and equality. The first thing that appears fairly clear is that the LP has a focus on individualism — while African-Americans have historically had a focus on equality. In short, we aren't playing their song, so they don't dance with us.

It seems pretty obvious why African-Americans have focused on equality. What is perhaps less obvious is why they have become absorbed in identity politics.

African-Americans, during the early history of this country, were slaves. Slavery, especially when racially based, leads to a perceptual homogenization of the slaves in the eyes of the rest of society. In short, African-Americans became the only true social caste ever created in this country. All other characteristics, group or individual, became secondary in the face of caste membership.

Following emancipation, African-Americans continued to be treated as a caste, enforced through segregation laws that perpetuated the prevailing social attitude. When one belongs to a caste that is defined by both tradition and by law, group identity becomes the paramount driving force in one's life.

The only route to salvation is through a change in the laws and social attitudes that sustain the caste. Efforts to throw off caste status require organization and effort rooted in the group identity.

It has only been a few decades since the legal infrastructure for this

caste was struck down, and the current generation of young adults is probably the first to experience life relatively unburdened by caste. The time may be ripe for weaning younger African-Americans away from the traditional identity politics required by caste membership.

However, the LP needs to think carefully about how to best woo this potential support base, given African-Americans' history.

The theme of equality will continue to resonate with African-Americans for some time to come. However, the LP can make appeals to equality as well as to individualism. The current focus on the "War on Drugs" is certainly an issue that has important implications for equality.

The LP also needs to find ways to make its emphasis on individualism more relevant and appealing to African-Americans.

— DAVID CENTER
Conyers, Georgia

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■ O'Reilly's spin

Just recently I watched Fox News' Bill O'Reilly defend the drug, alcohol and tobacco industry, as he spoke out against indirectly on the LP's position on drugs.

Why should drug/alcohol/tobacco have the exclusive franchise in the USA? We know the reason: Big bucks, a bought two-party system, and a paid media are all in their pocket.

As states like North Carolina continue to increase their production of

tobacco, I have to ask myself why other states such as Florida can't grow a similar product such as marijuana. Why are we supporting the Colombian terrorists instead of allowing our own farmers to grow marijuana?

Regarding polls favoring drugs to remain illegal, I would guess that those groups responding to the polls would never vote for other than the two-party system. You can bet that O'Reilly knew that prior to [stating] his position.

Thus, it really doesn't matter what they think, nor will it hurt the LP. Forty percent of the left and 40% of the right will continue to vote the same. They will support the same two-party system that spends tax dollars supporting Middle East terrorists.

— JAMES DEVINE
Englewood, Florida

■ Ego massage

LP News has two functions: communication within the party and interesting others in joining.

The front page [of the August 2002 issue] fails miserably at interesting others. Who outside the Libertarian Party cares that "Geoff Neale elected National Chair," or "Thompson: Legislator is running mate." I doubt if anyone outside of a small circle of friends even cares.

On the other hand, inside articles like "LP joins group concerned about FBI new powers of surveillance," "Drug War tarnishes badge of U.S. police," "September 11 is continuing threat to liberty," and "Washington's five myths," might actually interest a non-member to pick up and read LP News.

Or is LP News just an ego massage for those whose names are headlined? Of course if the headline mentioned Clint Eastwood...

— KEN OBENSKI
San Diego, California

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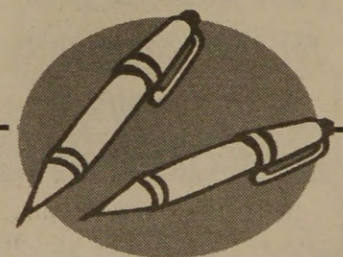
As far as such stories constituting an "ego massage," none of the Libertarians mentioned in the headlines cited above played a role in deciding which news stories were featured in that issue of LP News.

■ Target the military

I read with some interest Mr. Tony Smullen's letter [July 2002] about targeting the military for membership and support for the Libertarian Party.

I find that a refreshing attitude in comparison with so many of those in our party who have the attitude the armed forces are simply a tax burden on the nation. After all, this

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is one of the few government functions performed that is actually authorized by the Constitution.

However, I'm not sure if talking new weapon systems is a good talking point — but pay improvements sure would catch attention! As a recently retired infantryman (airborne/light) I can attest to you that libertarian ideals are fairly common, at least in the combat arms area of the Army.

I often left my party newspaper in the dayroom or post libraries, and came back to discover them almost read to death. I met other dues-paying members, and found that many Republicans in the ranks are disgusted with their party and very interested in our views.

However I would say that like Mr. Fred Bluestone in his letter, the attitude that some "hawkish" types do not belong with us surely will not get many of those disgusted Republicans nor Libertarians in uniform to support our party.

Like it or not, regardless of former policies, we are at war. Though it's vital to stand up for the Bill of Rights here at home, don't knock the Joes who are doing their duty against a particularly vicious foe. It makes us Libertarians look weak and unready for the national stage.

— CHARLES A. TEMM, JR.
Salem, Alabama

Wonderful calendar

There's a shortage of young women in anti-socialist organizations. (Scarcity increases the value of an item). I'll let others diagnose the problem, and I applaud *LP News* for raising the question and for highlighting loving LP couples in the past ["Falling in love, libertarian style," July 2000].

The July and August issues of *LP News* suggest to me that there's a rising star in the LP who deserves strong support. Bette Rose Ryan (whom I've never met) is the director of the Colorado LP PAC, Victory in Colorado Now. She was just elected to the LP National Committee.

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to a lesser degree, than if we concentrate all our efforts on one easy state to take over and smash the weak link of tyranny. If we try to liberate the whole nation at once we could quadruple our efforts and still fail. Whereas, if we concentrate our efforts on one weak state, we already have enough people and money to liberate it.

If freedom-loving people concentrate their efforts on helping to free one small weak state, the political power achieved in that state will help them more than the small amount of political power they could gain if the same amount of effort is invested in

freeing themselves directly in their own state.

How much political power would we achieve if we freed one state? Two U.S. Senators, one or two Congressmen, a governor, etc. This political power would be used to free the citizens of that state, and begin the process of freeing all U.S. citizens.

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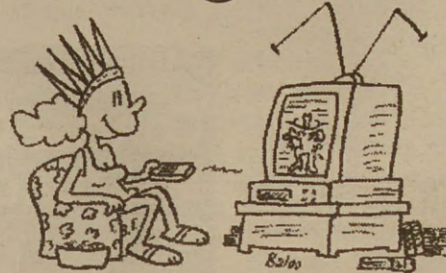
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Corporate corruption

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■ Repeal the government's new corporate-oversight regulations.

In July, President George W. Bush signed sweeping new business regulations that allow the government to imprison CEOs who certify false financial reports, redefine conflict of interest parameters for accounting firms, and limit the right of executives to buy and sell company stock.

Who will enforce these new regulations? The same government "watch dogs" who slept while Enron, WorldCom, and Global Crossing cooked their books. For example, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) failed to notice that Worldcom misreported \$3.1 billion in 2001.

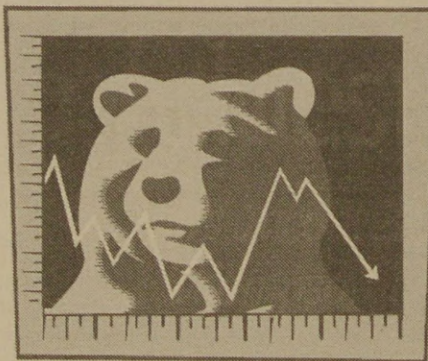
"What is passing for reform these days is mainly rewarding incompetent regulatory bureaucracies with more money, staff, and authority," charged Alan Reynolds of the Cato Institute.

The new regulations are also unnecessary because the kind of financial chicanery committed by Enron is already illegal under current law.

"[Is] the solution really more regulations — or should we demand enforcement of existing laws against fraud?" asked Jarret Wollstein on Newsmax.com.

■ Repeal corporate taxes that encourage corporate risk-taking.

As noted by the Heritage Foundation's Lawrence Whitman, the



current U.S. tax code allows companies to deduct interest paid on bonds, but not the dividends paid to investors.

Such a system encourages "companies to finance their operations more through issuing debt (bonds)," he said, leading companies "to take on more debt than they would otherwise."

During a strong economy, said Whitman, "this situation is not an obvious problem, but during a slow-down or recession, the weight of excess debt can be crushing." Such was the case with Enron, which illegally resorted to sleight-of-hand accounting to mask its massive debt.

The solution? Lower — or repeal — the corporate tax rate and the tax rate on dividends, suggested Whitman, which "would limit the likelihood of future corporate bankruptcies and scandals."

■ Allow the free market to impose reforms.

After all, who has more incentive to police the market than the executives whose companies will plummet in value if investors can't trust them?

"Engaging in fraud undercuts a company's value — as the market is amply demonstrating," noted Elan Journo of the Ayn Rand Institute. "What money-making requires is honesty and integrity."

That's why a number of groups have already proposed reforms to prevent another Enron.

The Business Roundtable (made up of CEOs from 150 large firms) urged companies to add more independent oversight to their boards. The New York Stock Exchange proposed changes in accounting and audit rules. And Standard and Poor's credit rating agency proposed stricter rules for measuring "core earnings."

Companies that implement such reforms will be rewarded by investors, who will be more willing to buy (and hold) stock in a reliable business.

However, all the reforms in the

world will never take the place of the ultimate safeguard against the occasional criminal corporation: A cautious investor with a well-diversified portfolio.

A consumer who does his financial homework, avoids investments that sound "too good to be true," and balances riskier investments with more secure ones is always going to

be safer than an investor who expects the government to protect him, argues the Future of Freedom Foundation's Sheldon Richman.

"In broadest terms, [government regulation] lulls everyone into a state of unwariness about crooked businessmen," he said. "Why be wary? Government watchdogs are on the case."

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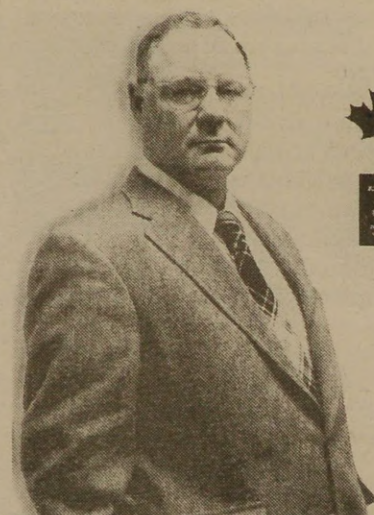
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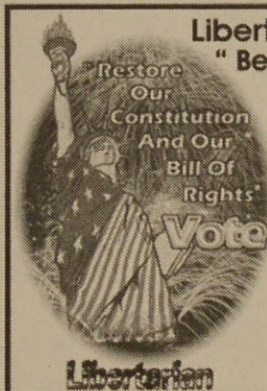
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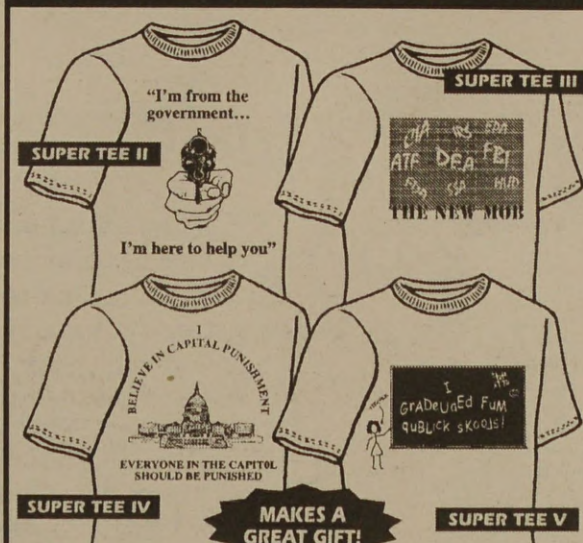
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